

**KNTV/NBC BAY AREA**  
**QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS**  
**REPORT**

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KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affairs programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

**BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT**

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/1/09 REPORTED THAT THE NEW STATE SALES TAX INCREASE HAS TAKEN SOME PEOPLE BY SURPRISE. A BRAND NEW KOHL'S DEPARTMENT STORE IS CELEBRATING ITS GRAND OPENING ON THE VERY SAME DAY THE STATE SALES TAX ZOOMED UPWARD ONE-PERCENT. INSTEAD OF 8.75-PERCENT, ALAMEDA COUNTY CUSTOMERS ARE NOW PAYING 9.75-PERCENT IN SALES TAXES. THE HIGHEST IN THE BAY AREA. THE SALES TAX IN SOLANO COUNTY IS NOW 8.375-PERCENT. SANTA CLARA COUNTY IS 9.25. SAN FRANCISCO COMES IN A LITTLE CLOSER TO ALAMEDA AT 9.5-PERCENT. KOHL'S STORE MANAGER SAYS SHE HASN'T HEARD ANY CUSTOMERS MENTION THE TAX ALL DAY. OTHERS TOLD US THE BRAND NEW STORE'S 15-30-PERCENT OFF DISCOUNTS IS SOFTENING THE BLOW. BUT...EVEN IF ITS A FEW DOLLARS HERE OR THERE...MANY EXPECT THEY'LL FEEL THE IMPACT OF THE SALES TAX HIKE SOMETIME SOON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/2/09 REPORTED THAT BANK AND TECH STOCKS SURGED ON WALL STREET... AS A RALLY GAINED MORE MOMENTUM. BY THE TIME THE CLOSING BELL RANG... THE DOW INDUSTRIALS ENDED ITS HIGHEST FOUR-DAY WINNING STREAK IN 75 YEARS. THE DOW TRADED ABOVE EIGHT THOUSAND FOR PART OF THE DAY. BUT IT CLOSED AT 7978. UP 216 POINTS. THE NASDAQ PICKED UP 51 POINTS. ANALYSTS SAY WE COULD LEARN A LOT TOMORROW ABOUT WHETHER THIS RALLY IS SHORT LIVED BASED ON HOW TRADERS REACT WHEN THE NEW JOB NUMBERS ARE RELEASED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/2/09 REPORTED THAT IT HAPPENED BECAUSE DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS HERE PUT ASIDE THEIR BICKERING FOR ONCE. AND INSTEAD ACTUALLY WORKED TOGETHER ON A BIPARTISAN BILL. A BILL THAT WOULD PROVIDE HELP IN A HURRY FOR CALIFORNIANS LOOKING FOR WORK. UNDER THE BILL, FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS COULD BE USED TO OFFSET THE COST OF HEALTHCARE FOR ANYONE LAID OFF FROM A SMALL BUSINESS OF LESS

THAN TWENTY PEOPLE...IT'S THE SAME COVERAGE NOW AVAILABLE TO LAID OFF WORKERS IN BIG COMPANIES. AND FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS LIKE KIM ANDERSON, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR HER WORKERS TO HAVE A LIFELINE. SMALL BUSINESSES MAKE UP THE BACKBONE OF AMERICA'S ECONOMY AND WITH CALIFORNIA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE NOW IN DOUBLE DIGITS, THE LEGISLATURE IS TODAY THROWING A LIFELINE TO PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP THE MOST. IN A RARE DISPLAY OF CAPITOL UNITY, ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS JOINED TOGETHER FOR A BIPARTISAN BILL THAT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/3/09 REPORTED THAT NEW UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ARE OUT, AND PREDICTABLY THERE'S NO ENCOURAGEMENT IN THEM. THE LABOR DEPARTMENT TODAY SAID THE NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS EIGHT-POINT-FIVE PERCENT. THE WORST SINCE 1983. MORE THAN FIVE MILLION PEOPLE HAVE LOST JOBS SINCE THE RECESSION BEGAN IN DECEMBER 2007

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/7/09 REPORTED THAT WE OFTEN HEAR THE DEPRESSING STATISTICS ABOUT JOB LOSSES. AND THE TOUGH SEARCH FOR NEW EMPLOYMENT BUT THERE WAS A BIT OF HOPE IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY. HUNDREDS OF JOB-SEEKERS BOUND BY A SIMILAR FATE FILLED A JOB FAIR TODAY IN THE BALLROOM OF A SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL. CRAIG CHAMBERS, A LAID OFF CONSTRUCTION MANAGER MET WITH MOST OF THE 15 EMPLOYERS... RANGING FROM IKEA TO WELLS FARGO TO THE U-S ARMY. SOME HAVE BEEN OUT OF WORK A MONTH OTHERS SEARCHING MORE THAN A YEAR. THE EMPLOYERS REPRESENTED ABOUT 500 JOB OPENINGS. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY WAS SEEKING TEACHERS FOR ITS HEAD START PROGRAM. WITH CALIFORNIA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 10 AND A HALF PERCENT SOME ARE DISHEARTENED BUT FOR MANY THERE IS STILL HOPE. GOOD DAYS ARE AHEAD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/9/09 REPORTED THAT THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE IS CUTTING THROUGH SOME SERIOUS RED TAPE TO CREATE JOBS QUICKLY. THE CITY LAUNCHED A PROGRAM TODAY CALLED SUNNYVALE WORKS... WHICH WILL FUND 60-MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY, CREATING NEW JOBS WHILE THEIR AT IT. THE PLAN IS TO TAKE MONEY THAT'S BUDGETED FOR THE NEXT SIX OR SO YEARS AND SPEND MUCH OF IT RIGHT AWAY. THIS IS AIMED AT BOLSTERING THE ECONOMY. THE CITY EXPECTS THAT THE PROGRAM WILL CREATE AT LEAST 600 NEW JOBS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/9/09 REPORTED THAT THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PLAN IS GOING TO HELP PAY FOR CHANGES AT TWO BAY AREA AIRPORTS SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS WILL EACH RECEIVE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS

OAKLAND WILL EXPAND A TARMAC AREA AIRLINERS USE TO REACH TAXIWAYS S-F-O WILL USE THE MONEY TO REPAIR AND REHABILITATE RUNWAYS THE MONEY IS A SLICE OF ONE-POINT-ONE BILLION THE F-A-A RECEIVED FROM THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS BILL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/14/09 REPORTED THAT FLAT SCREEN TV'S COULD BE GOING THE WAY OF THE GAS GUZZLING S-U-V, IF THE STATE HAS ANY SAY. THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION WANTS TO SET ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR NEW TV'S. THEY SAY THE DEMAND FOR FLAT SCREENS HAS INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY NEEDED TO POWER THE SETS.

CRITICS SAY THE MOVE WOULD INCREASE TV COSTS, REDUCE STATE SALES TAX REVENUE AND COST JOBS. A VOTE IS EXPECTED THIS SUMMER. IF APPROVED, THE PROPOSED RULES WOULD START IN 2011.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/14/09 REPORTED THAT THE HUNT FOR A JOB IS NOT EASY THESE DAYS. AND IT'S EVEN MORE DIFFICULT, WHEN YOU'RE COMPETING AGAINST HUNDREDS OF OTHER PEOPLE AT A SAN FRANCISCO JOB FAIR. BUT SOME JOB SEEKERS ARE STILL HOPEFUL. IF THEY OFFERED A PRIZE FOR MOST POSITIVE PERSON AT THE CAREER FAIR KEITH SIMS WOULD WIN HANDS DOWN. SIMS JOINED HUNDREDS OF JOBLESS AT SAN FRANCISCO'S GRAND HYATT TODAY FOR CITY CAREER FAIR. BUT SIMS AND HIS HOPEFUL OUTLOOK MIGHT BE THE EXCEPTION. EVEN AT TODAY'S FAIR... THE NUMBER OF JOBLESS FAR OUTNUMBERED THOSE OFFERING WORK. AMONG THE EMPLOYERS ON HAND, P-G-AND E ADVERTISED A THOUSAND JOBS. COCA COLA LISTED LOCAL JOBS IN MERCHANDISING AND WAREHOUSE WORK. TAKING THIS ALL IN STRIDE... WAS SIMS WHO WORKS PART TIME AS A VALET FOR MEDICAL PATIENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/15/09 REPORTED THAT YAHOO IS, ACCORDING TO THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, PREPARING TO LAY OFF MORE EMPLOYEES NO COMMENT FROM THE SUNNYVALE DOT COM GIANT, WHICH PLANS TO RELEASE ITS QUARTERLY EARNING REPORT NEXT TUESDAY. YAHOO SHARES CLOSED FLAT TODAY. GLOBAL SHIPMENTS OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS, SOMETHING THE BAY AREA WATCHES VERY CLOSELY, FELL SEVEN PERCENT FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR BUT, ACCORDING TO THE GARTNER GROUP. THAT'S WHERE THE BAD NEWS ENDS. THE RESEARCH GROUP SAYS IT THINKS PC SALES HAVE BOTTOMED OUT, AND SHOULD TURN AROUND FOR THE BETTER BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/18/09 REPORTED THAT HEALTHCARE IS ONE INDUSTRY THAT HAS STAYED STRONG DURING THE RECESSION AND ON MONDAY, KAISER WILL OPEN A NEW HIGH-TECH HOSPITAL HERE IN THE BAY AREA. KAISER PERMANENTE,

OPENING UP A MASSIVE TECHNOLOGY PROVING GROUND IN SAN LEANDRO GIVING US A PEEK AT THE HOSPITAL OF THE FUTURE COMPLETE WITH INSTANT FACIAL RECOGNITION FOR DOCTORS TO LOG IN LASER-GENERATED KEYBOARDS THAT CAN BE SET UP QUICKLY, ANYWHERE IN THE FACILITY AND CISCO'S TELEPRESENCE, SO PATIENTS CAN CONFERENCE WITH DOCTORS IT'S NOTHIN' BUT A USB THING A TINY KEY THAT LETS YOU TAKE YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS WITH YOU: ALLERGIES, XRAYS, EVEN E-K-G'S. ALL PORTABLE, ALL TAKING MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF DATA AND SHRINKING IT DOWN TO A DIGITAL FILE FOR THE PATIENT WHO WANTS A LITTLE MORE ORGANIZATION. IT'S TECHNOLOGY TRYING TO PUSH THE ENVELOPE AND MAKE HEALTHCARE MORE CONVENIENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/20/09 REPORTED THAT IN DETROIT TODAY THE GOVERNOR SAID THE AUTO INDUSTRY NEEDS HELP FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAKE GREENER, MORE FUEL EFFICIENT CARS. DURING A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION HOSTED BY CNBC-- SCHWARZENEGGER CRITICIZED THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION FOR NOT SHOWING LEADERSHIP ON CLEAN ENERGY POLICY. BUT HE WENT ON TO SAY-- CALIFORNIA SHOULD SERVE AS A NATIONAL MODEL FOR FEDERAL EMISSION STANDARDS. CALIFORNIA WOULD CUT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 30 PERCENT IN NEW CARS AND TRUCKS BY 20-16. BUT RIGHT NOW FEDERAL REGULATIONS OVERRIDE STATE REGULATIONS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/23/09 REPORTED THAT NBC BAY AREA IS GOING GREEN ALL WEEK AS PART OF NBC UNIVERSAL'S PUSH TO GET THE WORD OUT AS WE ALL WORK ON MAKING OUR LIVES A LITTLE GREENER, SOMETIMES IT HELPS TO GET SOME INSPIRATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/23/09 REPORTED THAT THE LABOR DEPARTMENT REPORTS TODAY 27-THOUSAND MORE PEOPLE FILED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT THAN THE WEEK BEFORE. AND REALTORS SAY HOME SALES DIPPED THREE PERCENT LAST MONTH. BOTH WORSE THAN EXPECTED, BUT SOME ECONOMISTS THINK SMALL CHANGES MEAN GOOD NEWS - THE ECONOMY'S NOT GOING SOUTH AS QUICKLY NOT FAST ENOUGH FOR THE FOLKS AT GENERAL MOTORS WORKERS LEARNED TODAY MANY PLANTS WILL SHUT DOWN FOR 9 WEEKS THIS SUMMER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/23/09 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA BECAME THE FIRST STATE TO REQUIRE LOW-CARBON FUELS, AS A WAY TO CUT GREENHOUSE GASSES. THE AIR RESOURCES BOARD WANTS TO CUT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORTATION FUELS BY 10 PERCENT... OVER THE NEXT ELEVEN-

YEARS. GREEN ACTIVISTS CONSIDER IT A LANDMARK DECISION. WHO BELIEVE THE NEW STANDARDS COULD BECOME THE BASIS FOR A NATIONAL POLICY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/26/09 REPORTED THAT BART'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS MOVING FORWARD WITH TWO BAY AREA TRANSIT EXPANSION PROJECTS - WORTH ONE BILLION DOLLARS. BOARD MEMBERS VOTED TO BUILD A 10-MILE EXTENSION INTO EASTERN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY THE GOAL IS TO HAVE THE TRACKS REACH ANTIOCH BY THE YEAR 2015. THE BOARD ALSO VOTED TO ACCEPT FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS AND FUNDS FROM THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO BUILD THE OAKLAND AIRPORT CONNECTOR. THAT MEANS BART IS JUST ONE STEP AWAY FROM HAVING ALL THE FUNDING IT NEEDS TO EXTEND TRACKS DIRECTLY TO OAKLAND'S AIRPORT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/30/09 REPORTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE STILL HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, A SILICON VALLEY GROUP CALLED, FITTINGLY, "PRO-MATCH." HELD A NETWORKING BARBEQUE TODAY IN SUNNYVALE, IT BROUGHT ABOUT 150 TECHIES TOGETHER TO MEET EXCHANGE INFORMATION, AND ENJOY THE FOOD THE MEAL COST EIGHT DOLLARS, BUT LOOK AT IT THIS WAY IT CAME WITH A SIDE ORDER OF JOB CONTACTS.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/28/09 REPORTED THAT THERE'S A NEW WAVE OF FORECLOSURES COMING AND THIS ONE'S A SURPRISE. PEOPLE WITH GOOD CREDIT SOLID LOANS AND BIG PROBLEMS. BRADLEY VERONA IS THE NEW FACE OF THE REAL ESTATE CRISIS AND HIS UPSCALE NEIGHBORHOOD IS THE LATEST VICTIM OF A NEW WAVE OF FORECLOSURES. THREE-BEDROOMS, 2 1/2 BATHS, NICE VIEWS, AND BANK OWNED. THESE TWO NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS, AND THE HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET ALL WITH AN UGLY SIGN OF THE TIMES MADE HARSHER BY THE FACT THAT BRADLEY IS A MODEL HOMEOWNER. BUT LIKE MANY AROUND HIM, BRADLEY'S MORTGAGE IS UNDERWATER, HE'S TEMPORARILY OUT OF WORK, AND HIS BANK SAYS IT WON'T HELP HIM UNTIL HE BECOMES DELINQUENT ON HIS PAYMENTS. IT'S GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE DEFAULTING ON A LOAN IS A GOOD BUSINESS DECISION EVEN THOUGH IT WILL HURT HIS CREDIT IN THE FUTURE. LOAN



OFFICER CATHY WARSHAWSKY SAYS CASES LIKE BRADLEY'S WILL LIKELY MAKE OUR COUNTRY'S REAL ESTATE UGLINESS LAST EVEN LONGER. A SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH A SLIGHTLY MORE UPSCALE LOOK.

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ONE BAY AREA DEALER HOPES CLEANER, LESS GAS GUZZLING CARS SWEETEN THE DEAL FOR CUSTOMERS. ANYTHING, THEY SAY, TO GET THE INDUSTRY OUT OF REVERSE.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/28/09 REPORTED THAT THERE'S A NEW WAVE OF FORECLOSURES COMING AND THIS ONE'S A SURPRISE. PEOPLE WITH GOOD CREDIT SOLID LOANS AND BIG PROBLEMS. BRADLEY VERONA IS THE NEW FACE OF THE REAL ESTATE CRISIS AND HIS UPSCALE NEIGHBORHOOD IS THE LATEST VICTIM OF A NEW WAVE OF FORECLOSURES. THREE-BEDROOMS, 2 1/2 BATHS, NICE VIEWS, AND BANK OWNED. THESE TWO NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS, AND THE HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET ALL WITH AN UGLY SIGN OF THE TIMES MADE HARSHER BY THE FACT THAT BRADLEY IS A MODEL HOMEOWNER. BUT LIKE MANY AROUND HIM, BRADLEY'S MORTGAGE IS UNDERWATER, HE'S TEMPORARILY OUT OF WORK, AND HIS BANK SAYS IT WON'T HELP HIM UNTIL HE BECOMES DELINQUENT ON HIS PAYMENTS. IT'S GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE DEFAULTING ON A LOAN IS A GOOD BUSINESS DECISION EVEN THOUGH IT WILL HURT HIS CREDIT IN THE FUTURE. LOAN OFFICER CATHY WARSHAWSKY SAYS CASES LIKE BRADLEY'S WILL LIKELY MAKE OUR COUNTRY'S REAL ESTATE UGLINESS LAST EVEN LONGER. A SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH A SLIGHTLY MORE UPSCALE LOOK.

### **CONSUMER ISSUES**

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/1/09 REPORTED THAT AN EAST BAY WATER DISTRICT WILL CONSIDER ASKING CUSTOMERS TO RATION WATER USE. AT A PUBLIC HEARING TONIGHT, THE CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL TAKE A VOTE ON A DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVE NO PLAN TO RAISE WATER RATES BUT WILL CONSIDER IMPOSING A 15-PERCENT WATER USE REDUCTION THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. IF APPROVED, THE NEW STANDARDS WOULD TAKE EFFECT MAY FIRST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/2/09 REPORTED MOST OF US KNOW CREDIT CARD COMPANIES HOLD ALL THE CARDS ND CAN RAISE RATES AND CANCEL CARDS WITHOUT NOTICE OR REASON. BUT TONIGHT A NEW REVELATION-SOME LENDERS ARE CANCELING

CARDS AND TAKING BACK ALL THE MILES OR REWARD POINTS PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY EARNED. AMERICAN EXPRESS SAYS, IF A CUSTOMER IS IN "GOOD STANDING", AND THEIR CARD IS CANCELLED, THE COMPANY WILL GIVE THEM UP TO 90 DAYS TO REDEEM THEIR POINTS. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THEIR CUSTOMERS HAD BEEN INFORMED ABOUT THIS CHANGE OF POLICY THE COMPANY SAID A LETTER WILL GO OUT SOMETIME NEXT MONTH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/8/09 REPORTED THAT WHILE THE COST OF MAINTAINING OUR ROADS IS GOING UP, THE COST OF OWNING A CAR IS STAYING THE SAME. TRIPLE-A SAYS IT COST 54 CENTS PER MILE ON AVERAGE TO OWN A CAR. THAT AMOUNT HAS BARELY BUDGED, DESPITE LOWER GAS PRICES. THAT'S BECAUSE OF INSURANCE COSTS, FINANCING AND DEPRECIATION. IT COSTS ABOUT 8-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR TO MAINTAIN A NEW CAR, ONLY 26 DOLLARS LESS THAN LAST YEAR. THE COST OF OWNING AN S-U-V ACTUALLY DROPPED TO 10-THOUSAND-259 A YEAR. THAT'S MOSTLY BECAUSE OF LOWER GAS PRICES, ONE OF THE BIGGEST EXPENSES FOR S-U-V OWNERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/8/09 REPORTED THAT THE PALO ALTO BASED SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE FACEBOOK IS MORE POPULAR THAN EVER. IT HAS MORE THAN 200-MILLION USERS! ABOUT 60-MILLION ARE FROM THE U-S. THE REST ARE FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHERE THE SITE'S POPULARITY HAS EXPLODED. FACEBOOK SAYS THE FASTEST GROWING DEMOGRAPHIC IS PEOPLE OVER 35-YEARS OLD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/12/09 REPORTED THAT STATE LAWMAKERS ARE SUPPOSED TO CONSIDER A WHOPPING 400 BILLS THIS COMING WEEK AFTER THEY RETURN FROM THE EASTER RECESS -- INCLUDING TWO RELATED TO FEES ON SHOPPING BAGS. THE BILLS WOULD REQUIRE SUPERMARKETS, LARGE DRUG STORES, AND CONVENIENCE STORE CHAINS ..... TO CHARGE CUSTOMERS 25-CENTS FOR EACH PLASTIC OR PAPER BAG THEY USE. THE MONEY RAISED BY THE FEE WOULD GO TOWARDS LITTER-CLEANUP PROGRAMS. SUPPORTERS ALSO HOPE THE MOVE WILL ENCOURAGE CUSTOMERS TO BRING THEIR OWN CLOTH BAGS WHEN SHOPPING - AND STOP PLASTIC BAGS FROM ENDING UP IN THE OCEAN. NEEDLESS TO SAY NOT EVERYONE LIKES THE IDEA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/13/09 REPORTED THAT CREWS ARE INSTALLING WHAT'S CONSIDERED, THE BAY AREA'S LARGEST RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PROJECT TONIGHT. THE 106 SOLAR PANELS ON THIS SOUTH SAN JOSE HOME ARE ANGLED IN EVERY SINGLE DIRECTION, WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO CAPTURE ENERGY FROM SUN-UP TO SUN-DOWN. THE SYSTEM WILL CREATE 23-KILOWATTS OF POWER ENOUGH TO OFFSET THE CARBON EMISSION OF ABOUT A MILLION-AND-A HALF

MILES OF DRIVING. HALF OF THE EXPENSE WILL BE COVERED BY A "CALIFORNIA SOLAR INITIATIVE" GRANT AND THROUGH FEDERAL TAX CREDITS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/13/09 REPORTED THAT THE GOLDEN STATE IS FALLING BEHIND OTHER STATES WHEN IT COMES TO WIND ENERGY. BUT JUST LIKE THE SAYING GOES, EVERYTHING IS BIGGER IN TEXAS-- AND THAT INCLUDES WIND POWER. A NEW REPORT FOUND THE LONE STAR STATE GENERATES 7-THOUSAND-118 MEGAWATTS OF WIND POWER. NUMBER-TWO ON THE LIST IS IOWA, WITH 27-91 MEGAWATTS. CALIFORNIA COMES IN THIRD.. WITH 25-17 MEGAWATTS. WIND TURBINES IS BECOMING AN IMPORTANT PART OF IOWA'S ENERGY POLICY-- GENERATING 7 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S ELECTRICITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/23/09 REPORTED THAT BART IS EXAMINING A QUARTER BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET PROBLEM AND EVEN DEBATING LAYOFFS, SERVICE CUTS AND FARE HIKES. REDUCING A 250 MILLION DOLLAR -FOUR YEAR BUDGET DEFICIT IS IN THE HANDS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - THE TRANSIT AGENCY WANTS 100-MILLION DOLLARS IN GIVEBACKS -ON THE TABLE: THE RANK AND FILE MAY HAVE TO SHELL OUT MORE FOR HEALTH AND PENSION PLANS - CONTRACTS EXPIRE IN JUNE. BART SAYS THE CHANGES WOULD HELP AVOID LARGE LAYOFFS. FOR RIDERS IT COULD MEAN FARE HIKES UP TO 10-PERCENT, SURCHARGES ON TRANSBAY ROUTES, THE SFO LINE, AND ADJUSTMENTS TO SERVICE ON THE PENINSULA AND DURING THE MIDDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/23/09 REPORTED THAT IT'S NOT JUST ONE COMPANY BEHIND THE ANNOYING CALLS TELLING OF IMPENDING WARRANTY EXPIRATIONS. LUREY ENGLE GOT ONE OF THOSE CALLS, SO SHE BOUGHT A 31-HUNDRED DOLLAR POLICY FROM USFIDELIS. THEY TOLD HER IT WOULD COVER -ANY- MAJOR REPAIRS. BUT WHEN HER CAR OVERHEATED LAST MONTH...HER WARRANTY WAS USELESS. LURAY SAYS USFIDELIS TOOK HER MONEY-- THEN LEFT HER STRANDED. NOW, SHE HAS TO PAY OUT OF POCKET FOR THE REPAIRS, AND BORROW A FRIEND'S CAR JUST TO DRIVE HER THREE KIDS AROUND. INVESTIGATORS SAY, IT'S NOT JUST THE POLICY THAT'S MISLEADING, IT'S THE WAY THEY LURE YOU IN. THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU ALREADY HAS 11-HUNDRED COMPLAINTS ABOUT USFFIDELIS-- AND HAS SLAPPED THEM WITH AN "F" RATING. USFIDELIS BOASTS 250,000 CUSTOMERS--BY FAR THE LARGEST OF ALL ITS COMPETITORS...AN OPERATION SO BIG, ITS HEADQUARTERS ARE BASED IN THIS MASSIVE COMPLEX OUTSIDE OF ST. LOUIS. USFIDELIS IS NOW ONE OF FIVE EXTENDED WARRANTY PROVIDERS NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION BY ATTORNEYS GENERAL IN 40 STATES, FOR UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE PRACTICES. STILL, USFIDELIS PROMOTES A SQUEAKY CLEAN IMAGE:

THAT'S A HALO ON TOP OF ITS LOGO CALLING ITSELF A "FAITH BASED" COMPANY. NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME FORMER EMPLOYEES OF USFIDELIS ARE SPEAKING OUT. SOME SAY THAT FROM THE BEGINNING--THEY WERE TRAINED TO LIE TO CUSTOMERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/9/09 REPORTED THAT TOMORROW IS MOTHER'S DAY, AND NEW NUMBERS SHOW PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO SPEND 123 DOLLARS FOR MOM ON AVERAGE THIS YEAR. THAT'S DOWN FROM 138 DOLLARS LAST YEAR. WISHLIST.COM FIGURED OUT WHAT MOM REALLY WANTS. MOST MOMS WOULD BE HAPPY WITH A FAMILY GATHERING. THAT IS FOLLOWED BY A DINNER OUT. SOME BLING. FLOWERS. AND SOME EXTRA SLEEP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/13/09 THAT A CHILDREN'S C-D MCDONALD'S IS GIVING-OUT WITH THE MEALS IS STIRRING CONTROVERSY AT SOME FRANCHISES. THE C-D IS CALLED "KIDZ BOP", A COLLECTION OF SIX SONGS ADVERTISED AS "SUNG BY CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN". BUT SOME ADULTS CLAIM ONE OF THE SONGS INCLUDES THE F-WORD BUT APPARENTLY YOU HAVE TO BE LISTENING FOR IT. SOME RESTAURANTS HAVE PULLED THE C-D, DESPITE MCDONALD'S INSISTANCE THAT THE LYRICS CONTAIN NO BAD WORDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/20/09 THAT NEW RULES BAN SPRINKLERS IN SAN JOSE BETWEEN 8 A-M AND 6 P-M. THE SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED NEW GUIDELINES TO COPE WITH THIS THIRD STRAIGHT DROUGHT YEAR. THE ONLY PRESSURE TO COMPLY WILL BE YOUR OWN CONSCIENCE... OR MAYBE THE WATCHFUL EYE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS. IF THEY DO REPORT YOU, THE CITY WILL ISSUE A WARNING. OTHER RULES-- NO WATERING PLANTS OR GRASS MORE THAN 15-MINUTES A DAY AND HOTEL GUESTS CAN OPT-OUT OF DAILY LAUNDERING FOR TOWELS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/20/09 THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS AND SANTA CLARA CITY LEADERS TODAY ANNOUNCED THEY'VE REACHED A TENTATIVE DEAL TO BRING THE N-F-L TEAM TO THE SOUTH BAY. SANTA CLARA RESIDENTS WILL GET TO VOTE ON THE AGREEMENT SOMETIME NEXT MARCH. IT'S BEEN MORE THAN TWO-YEARS SINCE THE FORTY-NINERS ANNOUNCED INTEREST IN MOVING THE TEAM TO THE SOUTH BAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/2/09 REPORTED THAT SUMMER VACATION JUST GOT CHEAPER THANKS TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. IT'S OPENING AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL SPOTS FOR FREE .. ON SELECTED DATES. FROM YOSEMITE TO THE GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAINS, 147 NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS ARE OFFERING FREE ADMISSION ON THREE SUMMER WEEKENDS. THE PARK

SERVICE EXPECTS TO LOSE HALF-A-MILLION DOLLARS BUT HOPES TO BOOST ATTENDANCE. THE OFFER DOES NOT INCLUDE CHARGES FOR CAMPING, TOURS, AND OTHER EXPENSES. MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE THIRD WEEKEND IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/4/09 REPORTED THAT CALTRAIN'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECLARED A FISCAL EMERGENCY TODAY BUT DID NOT RAISE FARES TO CLOSE A 2-POINT-SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET DEFICIT. INSTEAD, THEY ARE CONSIDERING: INCREASING THE PRICE OF A GO-PASS.... THOSE ARE PURCHASED BY COMPANIES, NOT INDIVIDUALS, HIKING PARKING FEES TO THREE-DOLLARS A DAY, AND CUTTING-BACK ON MIDDAY SERVICE, MEANING TRAINS WILL RUN EVERY HOUR INSTEAD OF EVERY HALF-HOUR. A FINAL VOTE IS EXPECTED IN JULY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/4/09 REPORTED THAT GAS PRICES ARE RISING RAPIDLY, AS THE SUMMER DRIVING SEASON HEATS UP. SAN FRANCISCO CONTINUES TO HOLD THE DUBIOUS DISTINCTION OF HAVING THE HIGHEST GAS PRICES IN THE STATE, AVERAGING JUST UNDER 3-DOLLARS. A GALLON WILL SET YOU BACK 2-85 IN SAN JOSE. WITH DRIVERS IN OAKLAND, PAYING ABOUT THE SAME. CALIFORNIANS, IN PARTICULAR, ARE DIGGING DEEPER INTO THEIR WALLETS, BECAUSE OF APRIL'S SALES TAX INCREASE. COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT OUR STATE HAS THE NATION'S SECOND HIGHEST TAX ON GASOLINE. ALSO FUELING THE INCREASE -- OPTIMISM ABOUT THE ECONOMY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/10/09 REPORTED THAT CUSTOMERS IN THE EAST BAY WILL START PAYING HIGHER RATES IN JULY. EAST BAY MUD ADOPTED A BUDGET THAT RAISES WATER RATES BY AN AVERAGE OF 7.5 PERCENT EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THE INCREASE TRANSLATES TO AN ALMOST THREE DOLLAR HIKE EACH MONTH - FOR EVERY SINGLE FAMILY'S WATER BILL. THE NEW RATES GO INTO EFFECT IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WHICH BEGINS JULY FIRST. EAST BAY MUD SERVES 1.3 MILLION CUSTOMERS IN ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/20/09 REPORTED THAT IN ORDER TO USE THE I-PHONE, YOU HAVE TO SIGN UP WITH A-T-AND-T. NOW, THE FEDS ARE LOOKING AT WHETHER THOSE KINDS OF EXCLUSIVE DEALS ARE LEGAL. THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION WILL TRY TO DETERMINE IF CONSUMERS ARE LOSING OUT, BECAUSE OF THIS KIND OF EXCLUSIVE ARRANGEMENT. CARRIERS GENERALLY NEGOTIATE EXCLUSIVE DEALS THAT LAST SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR, AFTER WHICH OTHER CARRIERS CAN ALSO SELL THE PHONE MODEL TO THEIR CUSTOMERS. BY LAUNCHING

WITH ONLY ONE CARRIER, THE MANUFACTURER GETS A HIGHER PRICE, OR EXTRA PROMOTIONAL SPENDING ON THE PHONE.

**CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN**

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/3/2009 REPORTED THAT A SANTA CLARA MAN WHO VOLUNTEERS AT TWO SCHOOLS.. AND HAS A BASEBALL FIELD AND PARK NAMED AFTER HIM.. TODAY WON EVEN \*MORE\* HONORS FOR HIS 40-YEARS OF SERVICE. STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS GATHERED AT NORTH VALLEY BAPTIST SCHOOL, TO HONOR TOM GOODSON FOR YEARS OF \*GIVING\* TO THE KIDS AND THEIR SPORTS PROGRAMS. HE WAS PRESENTED WITH A CLASS RING.. BUT SPENT MOST OF THE CEREMONY DOING WHAT HE DOES BEST, GIVING BACK. TODAY'S CROWD GAVE TOO-- HONORING GOODSON WITH SEVERAL STANDING OVATIONS, AND TOO MANY HUGS TO COUNT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/5/2009 REPORTED THAT THE COAST GUARD IS SEARCHING OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST TONIGHT FOR A MISSING MAN WHO PLANNED TO SAIL FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN DIEGO. 39-YEAR OLD SEAN HAGGERTY.. WHO ONCE LIVED IN THE BAY AREA.. JUST PURCHASED A NEW 26-FOOT BOAT AND WAS SAILING IT BACK TO SAN DIEGO..WHERE HE CURRENTLY LIVES. A FRIEND SAYS HAGGERTY MADE A CALL USING HIS CELL PHONE ON WEDNESDAY TO REPORT HIS G-P-S AND ENGINE WERE NOT WORKING. CELL PHONE RECORDS SHOW HAGGERTY LAST USED HIS PHONE ABOUT A HUNDRED MILES NORTH OF LOS ANGELES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/10/2009 REPORTED THAT A SAN FRANCISCO MOTHER IS ON THE EAST COAST TONIGHT FRANTICALLY SEARCHING FOR HER SON. POLICE SAY HIS DISAPPEARANCE IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL. CLUTCHING THE FLYER WITH A PHOTO OF HER SON AND HIS CAR, TERRI LYNN ELLENBERG IS DESPERATELY SEARCHING...SEARCHING FOR 24 YEAR OLD JAMES DUNCAN. D-C AND HOWARD UNIVERSITY POLICE HAVE CATEGORIZED DUNCAN AS A CRITICAL MISSING PERSON -- MEANING, HIS DISAPPEARANCE IS INEXPLAINABLE. HIS MOTHER SAYS SHE TALKS TO HIM EVERY FEW DAYS... AND THIS JUST ISN'T LIKE HIM. THE LAST TIME ANYONE REPORTED SEEING JAMES, HE WAS HERE IN HIS DORM AT HOWARD. HE GREW UP IN SAN FRANCISCO, GRADUATED FROM BURTON HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN WENT TO SKYLINE JUNIOR COLLEGE BEFORE HEADING OFF TO HOWARD TO STUDY NURSING, LIKE HIS MOM. MISSING FOR TWO WEEKS. THOSE WHO KNOW THE SOPHOMORE SAY HE WAS ALWAYS FRIENDLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/15/2009 REPORTED THAT A COLLEGE STUDENT FROM SAN FRANCISCO WHO DISAPPEARED



MARCH 26TH, HAS BEEN FOUND. WASHINGTON D-C POLICE SAY JAMES DUNCAN TOLD THEM YESTERDAY, HE IS SAFE. OFFICERS WILL NOT REVEAL EXACTLY WHERE THEY FOUND THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY SOPHOMORE BUT POLICE SAY THE 24-YEAR-OLD IS NOT IN DANGER. DUNCAN'S GRANDMOTHER REPORTED HIM MISSING A WEEK AND A HALF AGO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/23/2009 REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF AT-RISK KIDS FROM SAN JOSE WERE HONORED ON THE FLOOR OF THE STATE SENATE TODAY, FOR BUILDING AN AWARD-WINNING ROBOT. THE SCHOOL FOR INTEGRATED ACADEMIC AND TECHNOLOGIES" TEAM BUILT A ROBOT CALLED THE "IRON MANTIS", TO ENTER INTO AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION STARTED BY THE INVENTOR OF THE SEGWAY. EARLIER THIS YEAR, THEIR CREATION GARNERED AWARDS AT THE SILICON VALLEY REGIONAL COMPETITION, AS WELL AS THE HAWAIIAN REGIONAL. TEAM CAPTAIN SETH SWEARINGEN SAYS ALL THE STUDENTS AT SIA-TECH WERE DROPOUTS, BEFORE WINDING UP AT THE CHARTER SCHOOL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/28/2009 REPORTED THAT THE SOUTH BAY IS MOURNING THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN HERO. FRANCISCO MORUA WAS A FIXTURE IN CINCO DE MAYO PARADES AND FESTIVITIES. HE FOUGHT WITH GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY DURING WORLD WAR TWO. NBC BAY AREA'S DAMIAN TRUJILLO SHARES HIS LONG FAMILY HISTORY OF SERVICE TO TWO COUNTRIES. FRANCISCO MORUA WAS 87 YEARS OLD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/5/2009 REPORTED A FREAK ACCIDENT IN SONOMA COUNTY KILLED A FIVE-YEAR OLD BOY AND NEARLY KILLED HIS FATHER AS THEY DROVE DOWN A RURAL ROAD. IT HAPPENED AROUND 9-30 THIS MORNING ABOUT FIVE MILES EAST OF SANTA ROSA. INVESTIGATORS SAY AN OAK TREE SNAPPED FROM ITS BASE, AND CRUSHED THE CAB OF THE PICKUP TRUCK THE VICTIMS WERE RIDING IN. THE FATHER - WHO WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED - HAS NOW BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A MARIN COUNTY'S SHERIFF'S DEPUTY. BOTH VICTIMS WERE RIDING IN THE TRUCK'S DRIVER'S SIDE. THE BOY'S MOTHER AND A 5-YEAR OLD GIRL, WHO WERE RIDING ON THE PASSENGER SIDE, WERE NOT INJURED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/8/2009 REPORTED THAT WOMEN IN THE SOUTH BAY ARE \*SEEING RED. NOT IN ANGER, BUT IN AWARENESS. IN CAMPBELL TODAY, THEY JOINED THE FIGHT AGAINST HEART DISEASE AT SILICON VALLEY'S \*GO RED FOR WOMEN LUNCHEON. THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION SAYS THE GOAL IS TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF THEIR HEART HEALTH. HERE'S WHY-- ONLY ONE-IN-FIVE WOMEN REALIZE HEART DISEASE AND STROKE ARE THE NUMBER-ONE KILLER OF

WOMEN IN THE U-S THE 'GO RED FOR WOMEN' MOVEMENT HELPS FUND CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/8/2009 REPORTED THAT ONE OF SAN FRANCISCO'S "GROOVIEST" STREET PERFORMERS SAYS POLICE ARE TRYING TO SHUT DOWN HIS ONE-MAN SHOW. LARRY HUNT BETTER KNOWN AS 'BUCKETMAN' HAS BEEN A FIXTURE IN THE UNION SQUARE AREA FOR 11 YEARS. HE AND HIS HOMEMADE DRUM SET HAVE ENTERTAINED VISITORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. BUT HUNT SAYS BUSINESSES AND POLICE IN THE AREA.. HAVE GROWN TIRED OF HIS ACT. HE SAYS THEY'RE TRYING TO BOOT HIS BUCKETS, OUT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR GOOD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/15/09 REPORTED THAT FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IS FACING 21-MILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS. AND THAT COULD MEAN LARGER CLASS SIZES IN THE FALL, FEWER COUNSELORS, AND LIMITED LIBRARY HOURS. THAT'S MORE THAN ONE MOM COULD BEAR. SO, LINDA DEW-LANEY STEPPED UP AND DONATED FOUR PERCENT OF HER SALARY TO THE DISTRICT. DEW-LANEY MADE THE CONTRIBUTION, EVENTHOUGH HER OWN SON GRADUATES NEXT MONTH AND SHE WON'T HAVE ANY KIDS IN THE DISTRICT NEXT YEAR. HER ACTIONS HAVE INSPIRED OTHER FAMILIES TO TAKE ACTION, AND DONATE TO THE DISTRICT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/29/09 REPORTED ABOUT A NEW TOY BEING DUBBED THE "BABY BLACKBERRY." SOME SAY. THE TOY PUT OUT BY "LEAPFROG" TEACHES IMPORTANT THINGS TO KIDS THREE AND UP. SUCH AS SPELLING, THE DAYS OF THE WEEK AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS. KIDS CAN TEXT THEIR TEDDY BEARS WITH THIS DEVICE. OTHER'S SAY WAIT A MINUTE , ARE WE REALLY TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO TEXT THIS EARLY? LEAPFROG SAYS AN ADDED BONUS IS THAT IT COULD KEEP KIDS AWAY FROM THEIR PARENT'S P-D-A'S

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/5/2009 REPORTED ON A TOTAL RAGS TO RICHES STORY. TWENTY-THREE YEAR OLD NEAL WANLESS WON THE NINTH BIGGEST JACKPOT IN POWERBALL HISTORY - 232 MILLION BUCKS. ODDLY ENOUGH, THIS WINNER BOUGHT HIS LOTTERY TICKET IN THE TOWN OF... WINNER. NEIGHBORS THERE AREN'T JEALOUS. THEY'RE THRILLED FOR HIM, SAYING HIS FAMILY HAD FALLEN BEHIND ON THEIR TAXES AND HAD THEIR MOBILE HOME REPOSSESSED. WANLESS CHOSE A LUMP SUM PAYMENT, ABOUT 88-AND-A-HALF MILLION DOLLARS AFTER TAXES. RIGHT NOW HE LIVES AND WORKS ON HIS PARENTS' RANCH. HE SAYS HE WANTS TO KEEP-ON RANCHING BUT NOW HE CAN PROBABLY GET A SPREAD OF HIS OWN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/10/2009 REPORTED ON THE TASERING OF A 72-YEAR-OLD GREAT GRANDMOTHER, DURING A TRAFFIC STOP. OFFICER CHRIS BIEZE PULLED KATHRYN WINKFEIN OVER FOR SPEEDING ON MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>. SHE CAN BE HEARD ARGUING AND REFUSING TO SIGN THE CITATION. WHEN THE OFFICER ORDERED THE 4-FOOT-ELEVEN WOMAN OUT OF HER CAR, SHE BEGAN CURSING AND REFUSING TO GET OFF THE ROADWAY. WINKFEIN CAN BE HEARD DURING THE OFFICER TO SHOOT HER WITH THE TASER. THE TRAVIS COUNTY CONSTABLE'S OFFICE STANDS BY THE DEPUTY'S ACTIONS. AUTHORITIES SAY WINKFEIN DID NOT REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENTION, AND SHE WAS BOOKED FOR RESISTING ARREST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/10/2009 REPORTED THAT PAGEANT QUEEN CARRIE PREJEAN TONIGHT IS DE-THRONED... FIRED... UNEMPLOYED. THE OUTSPOKEN AND CONTROVERSIAL MISS CALIFORNIA U-S-A MANAGED TO KEEP HER CROWN ... DESPITE SPEAKING-OUT AGAINST GAY MARRIAGE DESPITE AN IMPLANTS CONTROVERSY, DESPITE SEMI-NUDE PHOTOS, AND DESPITE EVEN MORE REVEALING PHOTOS. HER DOWNFALL APPARENTLY, WAS NOT PLAYING WELL WITH OTHERS. A-MONTH AGO, PAGEANT OWNER, DONALD TRUMP, ALLOWED PREJEAN TO KEEP THE TITLE. BUT A SPOKESMAN TODAY SAID SHE FAILED TO PARTICIPATE IN PAGEANT-RELATED EVENTS AND TRUMP WAS QUOTED IN ONE NEWSPAPER AS SAYING SHE TREATED PEOPLE LIKE--- THEY SHOULDN'T BE TREATED. ONLY HE USED A DIFFERENT WORD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/15/2009 REPORTED THAT AN ORINDA WOMAN WHO UNSUCCESSFULLY AND BIZARRLY DEFENDED HERSELF IN HER 2006 MURDER TRIAL IS APPEALING HER CONVICTION. BUT THIS TIME SHE WILL HAVE AN ATTORNEY- LIKE IT OR NOT. SUSAN POLK WAS CONVICTED OF KILLING HER 70-YEAR OLD HUSBAND, FELIX-- AND SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS TO LIFE. THE COUPLE WAS MARRIED FOR TWENTY YEARS, BUT THEY WERE ESTRANGED AT THE TIME FELIX POLK WAS KILLED. SUSAN POLK CLAIMED SHE STABBED HER HUSBAND IN SELF DEFENSE. DURING THE COURSE OF HER TRIAL SHE FIRED SEVERAL LAWYERS, BEFORE THE JUDGE FINALLY ALLOWED HER TO REPRESENT HERSELF. THE TRIAL WAS MARKED BY POLK'S ODD REQUESTS. BUT AN APPEALS COURT HAS DENIED HER REQUESTS TO DO THE SAME IN THE APPEALS PROCESS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/22/2009 REPORTED ON IBM'S GIRLS TECHNOLOGY CAMP. MIDDLE SCHOOLERS FROM SAN JOSE AND GILROY ARE SPENDING A WEEK EXCERCISING THEIR BRAINS AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY WITH A HANDS ON APPROACH. NO PAIN NO GAIN. IT'S NOT ALL FUN AND GAMES BUT IT IS INTERESTING AND EFFECTIVE. WITH POWER TOOLS, SODERING GUNS AND SAFETY GLASSES THESE KIDS SEE THAT TECHNOLOGY ISN'T ALL ALGARYTHMS, POCKET

PROTECTORS AND COMPUTER CODE. A HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMP WILL BE A TRIP TO NASA AMES TO REMIND THESE KIDS THAT SHOOTING FOR THE STARS IS NOT OUT OF THIS WORLD

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/29/2009 REPORTED THAT IT WAS A CLOSE CALL FOR A REFRIGERATION MECHANIC, WHO HAD TO BE RESCUED, AFTER HE FELL TWO STORIES DOWN AN AIR DUCT. RAUL BANDERAS WAS MAKING REPAIRS AT A SANTA CLARA COUNTY BUILDING ON NORTH FIRST STREET, WHEN HE FELL 20-FEET AND WAS TRAPPED. FIREFIGHTERS HAD TO CUT THROUGH THE AIR DUCT FROM THE FIRST FLOOR CEILING, TO REACH THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE. BANDERAS WAS TRAPPED FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS, AND DRIFTED IN AND OUT OF CONSCIOUSNESS, DURING THE RESCUE IN VERY CONFINED SPACE.

### **CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT**

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/3/2009 REPORTED THAT A TEENAGED GIRL SHOT AND KILLED IN A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING IN RICHMOND LAST NIGHT, APPARENTLY WAS NOT THE GUNMAN'S INTENDED TARGET. INVESTIGATORS SAY 16-YEAR OLD AJAIA RUFFEN WAS TALKING WITH FRIENDS OUTSIDE A HOUSE ON 19TH STREET WHEN SHE WAS HIT BY A BULLET FIRED FROM A PASSING CAR. POLICE SAY THE SHOTS MAY HAVE COME FROM A GRAY DODGE CHARGER AND THE INTENDED VICTIM WAS PROBABLY ONE OF RUFFEN'S FRIENDS.

BC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/3/2009 REPORTED ON THE NEW YEAR'S DAY SHOOTING OF A BART PASSENGER. BART ATTORNEY DALE ALLEN SUBMITTED A LEGAL FILING TODAY THAT SAID OSCAR GRANT'S OWN ACTIONS CONTRIBUTED TO HIS DEATH AT THE HANDS OF FORMER BART OFFICER JOHANNES MEHSERLE. ALLEN SAYS WITNESSES INDICATE OFFICERS WERE JUSTIFIED IN USING FORCE BECAUSE GRANT WAS RESISTING ARREST AFTER GETTING IN A FIGHT. HE DID ADD THERE WAS NO REASON FOR MEHSERLE TO SHOOT GRANT. THE FILING WAS A RESPONSE TO THE 50 MILLION DOLLAR LAWSUIT FILED ON BEHALF OF GRANT'S FAMILY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/5/2009 REPORTED THAT THE C-H-P IS INVESTIGATING A DEADLY HIT-AND-RUN ON INTERSTATE 8-80 IN FREMONT THIS MORNING. OFFICERS DISCOVERED A BODY IN THE NORTHBOUND LANES.. JUST NORTH OF THORNTON AVENUE AROUND 4 O'CLOCK. LANES WERE SHUT DOWN FOR SEVERAL HOURS. NVESTIGATORS SAY DUE TO THE CONDITION OF THE BODY, THEY DON'T HAVE AN IDENTIFICATION. RIGHT NOW THEY'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO FIRST HIT THE PERSON. THE C-H-P DOES NOT HAVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUSPECT VEHICLE BUT INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY'RE SEARCHING

FOR THE DRIVER OF A LIGHT-COLORED NISSAN SENTRA WHO MAY HAVE WITNESSED THE ACCIDENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/7/2009 REPORTED THAT LATE THIS AFTERNOON A TEAM OF INVESTIGATORS BEGAN SEARCHING THE CLOVER RD BAPTIST CHURCH...A CHURCH LOCATED JUST A HALF BLOCK FROM THE MOBILE PARK WHERE 8 YEAR OLD SANDRA CANTU DISAPPEARED FROM 11 DAYS AGO. PASTOR LANE LAWLESS TOLD US HE HAS NO IDEA WHAT INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING FOR AT HIS CHURCH...OR WHAT LED THEM TO SEARCH HIS MOBILE HOME LAST NIGHT. LAWLESS AND HIS WIFE LIVE ABOUT FOUR DOORS DOWN FROM SANDRA'S HOUSE. POLICE SAY THEIR INVESTIGATION IS LEADING THEM IN A CERTAIN DIRECTION TONIGHT BUT THEY WOULDN'T ELABORATE. THEY SAY THEY'RE STILL WAITING FOR THE RESULTS OF THE AUTOPSY WHICH THEY HOPE WILL GIVE THEM SOMETHING MORE TO GO ON. MEANWHILE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO GATHER OUTSIDE THE TRAILER PARK TO GRIEVE FOR THE GIRL...SANDRA'S FATHER SAYS THAT BRINGS THE FAMILY A LOT OF COMFORT BUT THEY WANT THE KILLER CAUGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/7/2009 REPORTED THAT FAHID HOSSEINI WAS POPULAR IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE HE OFTENTIMES ACCEPTED I-O-U'S FROM CUSTOMERS WHO NEEDED HELP. TONIGHT, HIS FAMILY HOPES SOMEONE HELPS POLICE IN FINDING THE THREE SUSPECTS WHO ROBBED, THEN KILLED HIM IN THIS PARKING LOT. IN MAY OF LAST YEAR, POLICE SAY TWO MEN, AND A THIRD SUSPECT ROBBED, THEN KILLED HOSSEINI JUST BLOCKS FROM THE STORE, AT A BANK OF THE WEST ON SOUTH FIRST STREET. HOSSEIN WAS THE 17TH HOMICIDE OF THE YEAR. BUT POLICE BRASS SAY FOR THEM, EVERY MURDER IS PERSONAL. SO THEY KEPT WORKING THE CASE, INTERVIEWING AND RE-INTERVIEWING WITNESSES UNTIL DEVELOPING SKETCHES ALMOST 11 MONTHS LATER. POLICE HAVE THE GETAWAY CAR--A STOLEN SILVER HONDA CRV FROM SUNNYVALE.THEY'RE STILL EXTRACTING DNA AND OTHER EVIDENCE FROM THE CAR. THE REWARD FOR THE KILLERS IS UP TO 40 THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND THE GOVERNOR MIGHT RELEASE 50 THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/17/2009 REPORTED THAT A CRIME WAVE THAT HAS PLAGUED OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS HAS FOUND ITS WAY TO ST. FRANCIS WOODS IN SAN FRANCISCO. ST. FRANCIS RESIDENT PAUL HILL SAYS POLICE HAD WARNED NEIGHBORS OF A STRING OF BURGLARIES IN THE NEARBY PORTOLA AND FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOODS. NOW IT APPEARS THE CROOKS HAVE STRUCK CLOSER TO HOME. POLICE SAY THE BURGLARS HIT THREE HOMES IN ST. FRANCIS WOODS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALONE. THAT BRINGS A TOTAL OF 10 SIMILAR BURGLARIES IN THE AREA IN THE LAST 20 DAYS. POLICE HAVE INCREASED NIGHTTIME PATROLS AND ARE URGING RESIDENTS TO LOCK

THEIR DOORS AND WINDOWS. POLICE SAY THE ROBBERS HAVE STOLEN LAPTOPS AND OTHER VALUABLES DURING THEIR BRAZEN RAIDS. NEIGHBORS SAY THE TIMING OF THE BURGLARIES HAS THEM ON EDGE. NEIGHBORS IN THIS AREA OF 600 HOMES CALL THEMSELVES A TIGHT-KNIT GROUP. THEY SAY THEY WILL INCREASE THEIR OWN VIGILANCE OVER THE COMING DAYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/17/2009 REPORTED THAT KAISER PERMANTE WILL PAY MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO SETTLE CLAIMS THAT IT MISHANDLED KIDNEY TRANSPLANT CASES. KAISER CLOSED ITS KIDNEY TRANSPLANT UNIT IN SAN FRANCISCO THREE YEARS AGO AFTER STATE REGULATORS FOUND MISMANAGEMENT HAD ENDANGERED PATIENTS. THREE PATIENTS DIED WHILE WAITING FOR TRANSPLANTS, ANOTHER PATIENT WAS FORCED TO WAIT MORE THAN A YEAR FOR A TRANSPLANT AND A FIFTH PATIENT CLAIMS THEIR BODY REJECTED A KIDNEY BECAUSE OF POOR CARE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/29/2009 REPORTED THAT MARLON MAYORGA, A TRAUMA ROOM SOCIAL WORKER AT UCSF, WAS SHOT AND KILLED WHILE OUT WALKING HIS DOG LAST NIGHT. POLICE SAY MAYORGA WAS SHOT JUST A HALF A BLOCK FROM WHERE HE LIVED. HIS FRIENDS SAY THOUGH CRITICALLY WOUNDED HE TRIED DESPERATELY TO GET BACK HOME TO HIS WIFE AND THREE YEAR OLD DAUGHTER BUT JUST COULDN'T MAKE IT. MARLON MAYORGA'S FRIENDS CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE WHO WORKED SO HARD TO HELP VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE HAS BECOME A VICTIM HIMSELF. MAYORGA'S FRIENDS SAY HIS COMMITMENT TO BOTH HIS FAMILY AND HIS COMMUNITY IS WHAT DEFINED HIM...THEY SAY THEY'LL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE. SAY THEY NOW NEED A SENSE OF JUSTICE AFTER LOSING A MAN WHO GAVE SO MUCH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/6/2009 REPORTED THAT THE FAMILY OF THE LATE JOURNALIST CHAUNCEY BAILEY TRAVELED ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO BE IN COURT, AND SEE THE ALLEGED MASTERMIND OF BAILEY'S MURDER- YUSUF BEY THE FOURTH. THE FORMER HEAD OF YOUR BLACK MUSLIM BAKERY WAS INDICTED LAST WEEK AND CHARGED WITH MURDER. CHAUNCEY BAILEY'S 90 YEAR OLD FATHER AND SIBLINGS EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AND CONCERN. BEY WILL BE BACK IN COURT NEXT WEEK. ALSO TODAY-- THE JUDGE SEALED THE GRAND JURY TRANSCRIPTS OF THE MAN WHO ADMITTED TO SHOOTING BAILEY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/12/2009 REPORTED THAT NBC BAY AREA SATELLITE TRUCK OPERATOR HANS DRIESEN GOT HIT WITH WHAT THE CHP BELIEVES WAS A PELLET GUN. DRIESEN WAS ON HIS WAY HOME FROM AN ASSIGNMENT FOUR WEEKS AGO WHEN HIS

PASSENGER SIDE WINDOW EXPLODED. DRIESEN'S NOT ALONE. THE CHP NOW SAYS AS MANY AS 31 DRIVERS HAVE BEEN HIT WITH PELLETS OR BB'S ALONG INTERSTATE 680 IN FREMONT IN THE PAST MONTH. WHILE NO ONE'S BEEN HURT YET THE CHP WORRIES THAT COULD CHANGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/14/2009 REPORTED THAT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POLICE OFFICER WHO KICKED A SURRENDERING SUSPECT IN THE HEAD, IS NO LONGER ON PATROL. THE L-A COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TONIGHT, LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ARREST OF RICHARD RODRIGUEZ, BY EL MONTE POLICE YESTERDAY. THE KNOWN GANG MEMBER WAS LYING FACEDOWN ON THE GROUND WITH HIS ARMS AND LEGS SPREAD, WHEN AN OFFICER APPROACHES WITH HIS GUN DRAWN -- AND KICKED THE PAROLEE IN THE HEAD. THE ACLU SAYS THE VIDEO SHOWS NO THREAT TO THE OFFICER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/19/2009 REPORTED THAT OSCAR GRANT'S FAMILY SAYS THEY'RE GRATEFUL SO MANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RECORDED THE DEADLY BART SHOOTING. PROSECUTORS PLAYED FIVE OF THOSE HOME VIDEOS AT THE PRELIMINARY HEARING...HOPING TO CONVINCE A JUDGE THERE'S ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO TRY FORMER BART POLICE OFFICER JOHANNES MEHSERLE WITH MURDER. TOMMY CROSS'S NEVER BEFORE SEEN VIDEO TOOK CENTER STAGE TODAY. CROSS DABBED AWAY TEARS AS PROSECUTORS SHOWED THE FOOTAGE. CROSS SAYS HE TURNED OVER THE VIDEO TO BART POLICE JUST AFTER TAKING IT. "I WAS AFRAID WHAT HAPPENED TO OSCAR GRANT MIGHT HAPPEN TO ME OR ONE OF MY FRIENDS," HE SAID. DANIEL LIU WHO CAPTURED A CLEAR IMAGE OF THE SHOOTING, ALSO TOOK THE STAND. BUT LIU TESTIFIED GRANT'S LEFT ARM WAS MOVING UP AND DOWN JUST BEFORE THE MEHSERLE DREW HIS WEAPON "I'M NOT CERTAIN IF HE WAS DOING THAT TO RESIST ARREST OR WHAT," HE SAID. AND GRANT'S FRIEND JAMIL DEWAR TESTIFIED GRANT DID GET IN A FIGHT ON THE TRAIN SHORTLY BEFORE THE SHOOTING BUT SAYS THE COMMOTION WAS WELL OVER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/19/2009 REPORTED THAT PROSECUTORS IN OAKLAND HAVE CHARGED TWO SUSPECTED GANG MEMBERS WITH THREE COUNTS OF MURDER FOLLOWING A FATAL SHOOTING AND CAR CHASE. INVESTIGATORS SAY STEPHON ANTHONY AND ANTHONY PRICE WERE AMONG FOUR SUSPECTS SPEEDING AWAY FROM A FATAL SHOOTING IN BERKELEY SATURDAY NIGHT. WHILE RUNNING FROM POLICE, THEIR CAR SLAMMED INTO ANOTHER VEHICLE KILLING THAT DRIVER AND A PEDESTRIAN. IN ADDITION TO MURDER CHARGES PROSECUTORS ALSO FILED SPECIAL GANG ENHANCEMENTS. POLICE CONTINUE LOOKING FOR TWO MORE SUSPECTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/24/2009 REPORTED THAT NBC BAY THE MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS A STOLEN PATROL CAR BACK IN THEIR FLEET TONIGHT, BUT THEY STILL DON'T KNOW WHO STOLE IT! A PERSON LIVING AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX ON HIGH SCHOOL WAY, OFF SHORELINE BOULEVARD CALLED POLICE TO LET THEM KNOW A SQUAD CAR WAS IN THE PARKING GARAGE. THE CAR WAS STOLEN FRIDAY NIGHT FROM THE SHORELINE AMMPHITHEATRE -- WHEN AN OFFICER RESPONDING TO A CALL ON FOOT -- LEFT THE KEYS IN THE IGNITION. WHEN OFFICERS FOUND THE CAR, IT WAS UNLOCKED, BUT THE KEYS ARE STILL MISSING. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE - AND NOTHING APPEARED MISSING OR TAMPERED WITH - BUT POLICE STILL PLAN TO PROCESS THE CAR FOR EVIDENCE THAT COULD LEAD THEM TO THE THEIF.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/29/2009 REPORTED THAT NBC BAY HAYWARD WOMAN IS ACCUSED TONIGHT IN A STRING OF EAST BAY BANK ROBBERIES. HER EXCUSE? DETECTIVES SAY SHE TOLD THEM SHE WAS HAVING "HARD TIMES". AND NEEDED THE MONEY. 45-YEAR OLD DAPHNE COLE WAS ARRESTED TODAY AS SHE LEFT A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT. INVESTIGATORS SAY SHE HELD-UP SEVEN-BANKS SINCE APRIL. IT WAS HER JEEP CHEROKEE THAT APPARENTLY GAVE HER AWAY. A HAYWARD PATROL OFFICER SAW THE VEHICLE ONE DAY, AND NOTED ITS RESEMBLANCE TO THE GETAWAY CAR. THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER LED POLICE TO COLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/31/2009 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS MANNY VASQUEZ AND SGT. LUAN NGUYEN BOARDED AN EVA PLANE FOR AN 11 HOUR TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO WHEN HALF WAY THROUGH THE PILOT CALLED FOR HELP. A MAN HAD TRIED TO STRANGLE A FEMALE PASSENGER IN HER SLEEP. THE VIOLENT PASSENGER HAD ALSO KICKED OUT THE INNER PANEL OF ONE OF THE WINDOWS. AND HE WAS RIGHT NEXT TO THE KITCHEN WHERE HE COULD GRAB KNIVES. HE WAS ALSO NEXT TO TWO EMERGENCY EXITS. BUT THE OFFICERS WERE ON VACATION...NO GUN, NO TASER. ALL THEY HAD WERE FLEX CUFFS. SO THEY HAD TO IMPROVISE...FAST. SO THE NEXT FOUR AND A HALF HOURS...40-THOUSAND FEET ABOVE THE PACIFIC OCEAN VASQUEZ HAD TO PIN DOWN THE PUNCHING PASSENGER. AT ONE POINT THE PILOT AKSED IF HE SHOULD DIVERT THE PLANE TO ALASKA.. BUT THE OFFICERS SAID NO. THY WORKED TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THE SUSPECT REMAINED IN THE AISLE. FINALLY THEY LANDED AT S-F-O AND AIRPORT POLICE CAME ON BOARD. PASSENGERS ERUPTED INTO APPLAUSE FOR THE TWO SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS. THEY MAY HAVE TEMPORARILY TRADED THEIR UNIFORMS FOR FLIP FLOPS BUT SHOWED THEY WERE STILL COMMITTED TO SERVE.



NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/1/2009 REPORTED THAT A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL ON THE STEPS OF SAN FRANCISCO'S CITY HALL WILL GET UNDERWAY IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, TO HONOR THE WICHITA ABORTION PROVIDER WHO WAS KILLED YESTERDAY. BAY AREA ABORTION CLINICS HAVE STEPPED UP SECURITY FOLLOWING AN ORDER FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER. 51-YEAR-OLD SCOTT ROEDER IS BEING HELD WITHOUT BAIL ON ONE COUNT OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND TWO COUNTS OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT. HE IS ACCUSED OF SHOOTING GEORGE TILLER TO DEATH DURING CHURCH SERVICES YESTERDAY, WHERE THE 67-YEAR-OLD DOCTOR WAS AN USHER. TILLER'S CLINIC WAS ONE OF ONLY THREE KNOWN IN THE U-S, TO PERFORM ABORTIONS AFTER THE 21ST WEEK OF PREGNANCY. IT WILL REOPEN, NEXT WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/2/2009 REPORTED THAT PARENTS ON ASTON AVENUE IN SANTA ROSA SAY THEY'RE FRIGHTENED AND THEY'RE ANGRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD THIS MORNING. SANTA ROSA POLICE SAY A COUPLE CALLED 911 AT 1:30 A.M. TO REPORT THAT A STRANGER BROKE INTO THEIR HOME AND MOLESTED THEIR 12-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER. POLICE SAY THE MAN CUT A HOLE IN A SCREEN, SLIPPED THROUGH AN OPEN UNLOCKED BEDROOM WINDOW, AND FONDLED THE GIRL WHILE SHE WAS SLEEPING. DETECTIVES CANVASSED THE AREA...INTERVIEWED NEIGHBORS AND BROUGHT CRIME SCENE TECHNICIANS INTO THE HOME. POLICE SAY THEY'LL BE CHECKING THE LIST OF KNOWN SEX OFFENDERS TO SEE IF ANY OF THEM HAVE PRIOR CONVICTIONS FOR THIS TYPE OF CRIME. JUDY ELLIOTT SAYS THE INCIDENT HAS BEEN DISTURBING FOR HER AND HER DAUGHTER. JOHN SAYLOR SAYS STARTING TONIGHT THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DIFFERENT AT HIS HOUSE. HE SAYS HE'S ACTUALLY GOING TO PUT WOODEN BOARDS IN THE WINDOWS FOR EXTRA PROTECTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/9/2009 REPORTED THAT AN OREGON WOMAN ACCUSED OF KILLING A PREGNANT WOMAN AFTER MEETING HER ON CRAIGSLIST WAS IN COURT FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY, TO FACE MURDER CHARGES. KORENA ELAINE ROBERTS DID NOT ENTER A PLEA. SHE'S ACCUSED OF KILLING 21-YEAR-OLD HEATHER SNIVELY, AND LEAVING HER BODY IN THE CRAWL SPACE OF HER HOME. PROSECUTORS SAY ROBERTS CUT SNIVELY'S UNBORN CHILD, FROM HER WOMB. CORONERS ARE CONDUCTING AN AUTOPSY ON THE FETUS, TO DETERMINE IF ROBERTS SHOULD FACE AN ADDITIONAL MURDER CHARGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/12/2009 REPORTED THAT AN EL SOBRANTE MAN HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN THE HIT-AND-RUN

DEATH OF A MARTINEZ CYCLIST LAST NOVEMBER. INVESTIGATORS SAY MARK PENDLETON, WAS HIT HEAD-ON BY A VEHICLE WHICH CROSSED THE CENTER LINE ON MCEWEN ROAD NEAR HIGHWAY-FOUR. THE C-H-P ARRESTED 53-YEAR OLD HAROLD BROWN LAST WEEK ON A VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE. HE'S NOW OUT ON BAIL. INVESTIGATORS AREN'T SAYING WHETHER ACTIVISM FROM PENDLETON'S FAMILY AND THE CYCLING COMMUNITY PLAYED A PART IN BROWN'S ARREST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/17/2009 REPORTED THAT 19 YEAR OLD STEVEN COLVER AND A 14 YEAR OLD ARE SUSPECTED OF KILLING THE GIRL'S MOTHER JOANNE WITT, WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND MONDAY IN HER EL DORADO HILLS HOME. POLICE SAY IT WAS A VIOLENT DEATH. EL DORADO COUNTY SHERIFF'S CAPT. SAYS COLVER AND HIS 15 YEAR OLD GIRLFRIEND WERE ARRESTED AT A STRIP MALL NEAR TANFORAN MALL IN SAN BRUNO OUTSIDE THE A-T-&T STORE THIS MORNING. BUT POLICE SAY IT WAS OLD FASHION POLICE WORK THAT LEAD THEM TO THE CITY. SAN FRANCISCO POLICE TOWED COLVER'S CAR FROM O'FARRELL STREET...IT RAN OUT OF GAS LAST NIGHT. WHEN EL DORADO SHERIFF'S PUT THE LICENSE PLATE IN THE SYSTEM, THEY GOT A HIT. POLICE WOULD NOT SAY WHAT LEAD THEM TO THE HOLIDAY INN ON VAN NESS BUT THEY SEARCHED A ROOM THERE. THE COUPLE'S MYSPACE PAGE GAVE POLICE A LOT OF TIPS. COLVER'S FRIEND TOLD A REPORTER FROM OUR SISTER STATION IN SACRAMENTO THAT HE WAS SHOWN THE MURDER WEAPON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/22/2009 REPORTED THAT SAN FRANCISCO POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE SUSPECT ACCUSED OF A KILLING, IN THE CITY'S BAYVIEW DISTRICT. OFFICERS SAY 49-YEAR-OLD DOUGLAS JOHNSON WAS STABBED TO DEATH, AFTER GETTING OUT OF A PARKED CAR IN THE 16-HUNDRED BLOCK OF LA SALLE AVENUE -- JUST BEFORE ONE THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY JOHNSON WAS IN THE PASSENGER SEAT, STEPPED OUT TO SPEAK TO ANOTHER MAN WHEN THE MAN, DESCRIBED ONLY AS IN HIS MID-40'S, STABBED JOHNSON IN THE CHEST. IT MARKS THE CITY'S 22ND MURDER THIS YEAR.

### **DIVERSITY**

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/16/2009 REPORTED THAT NEW YORK GOVERNOR DAVID PATERSON SAYS HE PLANS TO MAKE SAME SEX MARRIAGE LEGAL IN THE STATE... BUT RELIGIOUS OPPONENTS VOW TO FIGHT HIM ON THE ISSUE. THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED TODAY HE WILL INTRODUCE A BILL TO ALLOW SAME-SEX COUPLES THE SAME RIGHTS AS HETEROSUXUAL MARRIED COUPLES. HE COMPARED THE ISSUE OF GAY RIGHTS TO THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY... SAYING SAME SEX COUPLES ARE DENIED MORE THAN 13-HUNDRED CIVIL PROTECTIONS. NEW YORK STATE'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE IS CALLING ON THE STATE

LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT THE PROPOSAL. GAY MARRIAGE IS NOW LEGAL IN FOUR STATES: MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, VERMONT AND IOWA

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/18/2009 REPORTED THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED TO BOYCOTT A U.N. CONFERENCE ON RACISM NEXT WEEK BECAUSE OF OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE IN THE MEETING'S FINAL DOCUMENT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS THE WORDING SUGGESTS THAT THE CONFERENCE COULD SINGLE OUT ISRAEL FOR CRITICISM AND RESTRICT FREE SPEECH. THE ADMINISTRATION SAYS THE DECISION WAS MADE WITH REGRET AND COMES AFTER WEEKS OF HEATED INTERNAL DEBATE. WHILE THE MOVE IS EXPECTED TO PLEASE ISRAEL AND JEWISH GROUPS THAT LOBBIED AGAINST U.S. PARTICIPATION -- IT'S LIKELY TO UPSET HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES AND MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY WHO HOPED THE COUNTRY'S FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT WOULD SEND AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/25/2009 REPORTED THAT THE DALAI LAMA SPOKE TO A CROWD OF THOUSANDS THIS AFTERNOON AT U-C BERKELEY. PEOPLE PACKED THE GREEK THEATER ON CAMPUS TO HEAR THE EXILED TIBETAN LEADER SPEAK OF PEACE AND COMPASSION. THE DALAI LAMA ACKNOWLEDGED THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS -- AND TOLD THE AUDIENCE THEY WERE THE SOURCE OF HOPE FOR THE NEW GENERATION. THIS IS THE DALAI LAMA'S SECOOND STOP DURING HIS U.S. VISIT. YESTERDAY HE WAS AT U-C SANTA BARBARA. HE FINISHES HIS TRIP WITH STOPS IN NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/27/2009 REPORTED THAT KENNY HERRIOT IS GOING TO ATTEMPT TO DO. HERRIOT, WHO IS PARALYZED FROM THE WAIST DOWN, TOOK OFF THIS MORNING FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND WILL FINISH IN NEW YORK CITY. HE'S DOING THIS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND MONEY FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER, AND THE CHARITY, ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND FOUNDATION. HARRIOT IS EXPECTED TO RIDE 4-THOUSAND MILES. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HIS JOURNEY AT THE GREAT LEMON RIDE DOT COM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/27/2009 REPORTED THAT SAME SEX COUPLES ARE HEADING TO THE ALTAR IN IOWA... FOLLOWING A COURT RULING MAKING IT LEGAL FOR THEM TO MARRY. ALL ACROSS IOWA TODAY... COUPLES WAITED AT COUNTY OFFICES TO APPLY FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES. EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE STATE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT A BAN ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE VIOLATED THE STATE CONSTITUTION. THE RULING WENT INTO AFFECT THIS MORNING. IOWA IS THE THIRD STATE TO LEGALIZE SAME-SEX MARRIAGES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/5/2009 REPORTED THAT THE SAN JOSE MARIACHI AND MEXICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL ISN'T UNTIL LATE-SEPTEMBER, BUT TWO MUSIC LUMINARIES, CARLOS SANTANA AND LINDA RONSTADT, SPENT CINCO DE MAYO IN SAN JOSE SPREADING THE WORD. "IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO RECONNECT WITH MY PHYSICAL ROOTS. MY REAL ROOTS IS THAT I CAME FROM THE LIGHT, JUST LIKE YOU, I HAPPENED TO LAND IN MY MOM'S WOMB IN MEXICO, BUT I'M MORE THAN THAT." AS FOR RONSTADT, SHE'S THE FESTIVAL'S ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND SHE'LL PLAY A EVENT CLOSING TRIBUTE TO CESAR CHAVEZ... WITH SANTANA AND LOS LOBOS. WHICH... FOR FANS OF THIS MUSICAL TRADITION IS A GOOD THING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/10/2009 REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER SAYS ALLOWING GAYS AND LESBIANS TO SERVE OPENLY IN THE MILITARY IS IN EARLY DISCUSSIONS. RETIRED GENERAL JAMES JONES SAID TODAY THAT HE'S NOT SURE IF THE MILITARY'S "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" POLICY WOULD BE OVERTURNED - ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS SAID HE WANTS IT ELIMINATED. TO CHANGE THE CLINTON-ERA POLICY, THE PRESIDENT WOULD NEED THE APPROVAL OF CONGRESS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/5/2009 REPORTED THAT THERE ARE QUITE A FEW EVENTS MARCHES RALLIES AND VIGILS THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN SAN FRANCISCO BEFORE AND AFTER THE STATE SUPREME COURT RULING COMES DOWN. DESPITE THE FACT THAT MOST OF THEM ARE SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN IN OTHER PARTS OF SAN FRANCISCO...BARRICADES ARE ALREADY SITTING HERE IN THE CASTRO DISTRICT...WHERE PEOPLE SAY THEY PLAN TO COME WHETHER IT BE TO CELEBRATE OR TO GRIEVE. MARCH 5TH WAS WHEN THE STATE SUPREME COURT HEARD ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST PROP 8 IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE COURT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WILL HAND DOWN ITS EAGERLY-AWAITED DECISION THIS TUESDAY. LAST NOVEMBER VOTERS NARROWLY PASSED PROP 8 WHICH DEFINED MARRIAGE AS BETWEEN "A MAN AND A WOMAN...UNDOING A DECISION THE STATE SUPREME COURT ALREADY MADE JUST MONTHS EARLIER GIVING SAME SEX COUPLES THE RIGHT TO MARRY. NOW THE COURT WILL DECIDE WHETHER THE ISSUE EVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON A BALLOT AS WELL AS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO 18,000 GAY COUPLES WHO GOT MARRIED IN CALIFORNIA BEFORE THE MEASURE PASSED. SOME SAY THE RULING MAY DICTATE WHETHER CALIFORNIA IS THE RIGHT PLACE FOR THEM TO LIVE. ONE YEAR AND ONE WEEK AGO...THE CITY REVELED IN THE LAST STATE SUPREME DECISION LEGALIZING MARRIAGE. MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM SAYS SAN FRANCISCO IS PREPARED FOR EMOTIONAL REACTIONS THIS

TIME TOO. HE SAYS HE'S TALKED WITH GROUPS ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE WHO ALL SAY THEY WILL ACT APPROPRIATELY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/23/2009 REPORTED THAT A COALITION OF EAST BAY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS HELD A SERIES OF EVENTS TODAY IN RESPONSE TO THE ENDEMIC VIOLENT CRIME IN RICHMOND AND OAKLAND. THE "BAY AREA 7:14 CRUSADE" IS AN EFFORT TO BRING TOGETHER PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS, CREEDS AND BELIEFS - TO CREATE SAFE STREETS AND NEIGHBORHOODS. THREE EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN RICHMOND AND OAKLAND THIS AFTERNOON AS PART OF THAT EFFORT. THE THEME WAS "WE ARE AWARE AND WE CARE." MUCH OF THE FOCUS WAS ON YOUTH. THOSE WHO ATTENDED WERE OFFERED VOTER REGISTRATION, EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND FREE FOOD AND CLOTHES. MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ALSO HAD THE CHANCE TO TALK WITH POLICE OFFICERS ... AND HEAR FROM VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/3/2009 REPORTED THAT NEW HAMPSHIRE TODAY BECAME THE SIXTH STATE IN THE NATION, TO LEGALIZE GAY MARRIAGE. BACK HERE AT HOME, GAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES ARE RALLYING ON THE STEPS OF THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT. DOZENS ARE SPEAKING OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO AT THIS HOUR, TO DEMAND MARRIAGE EQUALITY. ORGANIZERS ARE OUTRAGED BY THE SUPREME COURT DECISION LAST MONTH, UPHOLDING PROPOSITION EIGHT. THEY SAY THEY CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THE ELECTION NEXT YEAR, TO TRY TO OVERTURN THE PROPOSITION AT THE BALLOT BOX, BUT MUST TAKE TO THE STREETS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/9/2009 REPORTED THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAS REFUSED TO REVIEW A POLICY BARRING GAYS FROM SERVING OPENLY IN THE MILITARY. THE COURT ANNOUNCED IT WILL NOT HEAR AN APPEAL FROM A FORMER ARMY CAPTAIN WHO WAS DISCHARGED UNDER THE PENTAGON'S "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" POLICY. DURING THE CAMPAIGN, PRESIDENT OBAMA INDICATED HE SUPPORTED THE EVENTUAL REPEAL OF THE POLICY - BUT HAS MADE NO MOVE TO DO SO SINCE TAKING OFFICE. IN FACT, THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SAID THE APPEALS COURT RULED CORRECTLY IN FINDING THAT "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" IS IMPORTANT TO MILITARY DISCIPLINE AND COHESION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/30/2009 REPORTED THAT IN SAN FRANCISCO THIS WAS A DAY OF CELEBRATION HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LINED THE STREETS FOR THE CITY'S ANNUAL GAY PRIDE PARADE. THE PARADE IS NOW OVER, BUT THE PARTY IS STILL GOING STRONG IN THE CASTRO. THE AFTER PARTY HERE IN THE CASTRO

IS JUST GETTING STARTED, AFTER THE HUGE GAY PRIDE PARADE THROUGH THE CITY. THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S PARADE WAS "TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION." BECAUSE WHILE THE PARADE WAS COLORFUL, AND UPBEAT, THOSE WHO MARCHED TODAY SAY THEY'RE ALSO HERE TO BRING ATTENTION TO GAY MARRIAGE AND THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY. WITH FLOATS FROM EVERY WALK OF LIFE AND PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD LINING CITY STREETS, POLITICS PLAYED ALONGSIDE A BEAUTIFUL BAY AREA DAY FOR BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER. THIS YEAR'S MARCH THROUGH SAN FRANCISCO IN FRONT OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ONLOOKERS CAME WITH A MESSAGE THE FIGHT FOR GAY MARRIAGE IS FAR FROM OVER.

### EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/8/2009 REPORTED THAT THE NATION'S TOP EDUCATOR HEADED BACK TO CLASS TODAY... WARNING STATES *AGAINST* TAKING MONEY FROM THEIR YOUNGEST STUDENTS: "WE'RE NOT GOING TO BALANCE THE BUDGET ON THE BACKS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN. WE JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THIS." ALL BUT 12 STATES PAY FOR PRE-K PROGRAMS. THE *FEDERAL* GOVERNMENT ALSO FUNDS HEAD START, FOR LOW-INCOME KIDS. LAST YEAR, STATES ADDED MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND NEW PRESCHOOLERS AND SPENT A BILLION MORE ON THEM THAN THE YEAR BEFORE. BUT WITH FIVE BILLION IN FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY ON THE WAY, AT LEAST NINE STATES MAY CUT THEIR *OWN* FUNDING SO THERE'S LITTLE IF ANY NET BENEFIT. ADVOCATES SAY THAT WOULD HURT THE MIDDLE CLASS. THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EARLY EDUCATION RESEARCH LOOKS NOT ONLY AT HOW *MANY* KIDS ARE IN CLASS, BUT THE QUALITY OF THOSE PROGRAMS. NINE STATES IMPROVED THIS YEAR. ONLY ONE FELL BACK. EDUCATORS SAY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR KIDS TO LEARN ABCS AND SOCIAL SKILLS *BEFORE* KINDERGARTEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/18/2009 REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNOR SPOKE OUT TODAY ABOUT THE DECISION BY AMERICA'S EDUCATION SECRETARY TO GIVE CALIFORNIA MORE THAN THREE BILLION DOLLARS FOR EDUCATION. THE MONEY COMES FROM A SPECIAL FUND THAT WAS CREATED BY THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS LAW TO HELP STRUGGLING STATES SAVE TEACHERS' JOBS AND OVERHAUL FAILED SCHOOLS. GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER AND STATE EDUCATION LEADERS REACTED TO THE NEWS IN LONG BEACH TODAY. CALIFORNIA IS THE FIRST STATE TO BENEFIT FROM THE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND. THE MONEY TRANSLATES TO ABOUT 413 DOLLARS FOR EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT. THE CASH INFUSION COMES WITH A THREAT THOUGH: -- STATE'S WHO DON'T PUT THE MONEY TOWARD SPECIFIC EDUCATION USES WON'T BE SEEING ANY MORE FUNDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 4/22/2009 REPORTED THAT THERE IS MIXED NEWS FOR OAKLAND'S TROUBLED PUBLIC SCHOOLS TONIGHT.THE DISTRICT HAS NEARLY 15-MILLION DOLLARS LESS THAN ACCOUNTANTS THOUGHT. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SAY ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, AFTER YEARS IN PAPERWORK-LIMBO, THEY FINALLY KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THEY STAND.IT TOOK NEARLY A YEAR FOR A PRIVATE AUDITING FIRM TO "DO THE MATH." THE PROBLEM BEGAN WITH AN ACCOUNTING CHANGE IN 2002 -- THE SAME YEAR THE STATE TOOK-OVER THE DISTRICT. THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE CASH SHORTAGE AT TONIGHT'S MEETING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/1/2009 REPORTED THAT "SHORE ACRES" ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BAY POINT WILL SHUT-DOWN FOR TWO WEEKS. AFTER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED A STUDENT AS A PROBABLE CASE OF SWINE FLU. AND "HIGHLANDS" ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PITTSBURG WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR AN \*ADDITIONAL\* WEEK, BECAUSE OF NEW C-D-C GUIDELINES. IT WAS SLATED TO RE-OPEN MAY 6TH, AFTER THREE FOURTH GRADERS CAME DOWN WITH PROBABLE CASES OF SWINE FLU. HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY WILL NOW RE-OPEN MAY 13TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/4/2009 REPORTED THAT THE BAD ECONOMY IS CREATING SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR CALIFORNIA COLLEGES. MORE PEOPLE WANT TO ATTEND .. BUT BUDGET PROBLEMS MEAN THE SCHOOLS ARE ADMITTING FEWER STUDENTS AND THAT MAKES FOR FEWER COLLEGE GRADUATES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/15/2009 REPORTED THAT THE THE GOVERNOR HAS PROPOSED CUTTING AS MUCH AS THREE BILLION DOLLARS FROM NEXT YEAR'S PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO THIS MORNING SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION JACK O'CONNELL SAID THE CUTS WILL FORCE SCHOOLS TO INCREASE CLASS SIZES, LAY OFF COUNSELORS AND LIBRARIANS, AND SCRAP PROGRAMS LIKE MUSIC, ART, AND P.E. HE SAID STUDENTS MADE ACHEIVEMENT GAINS DESPITE REDUCED SCHOOL FUNDING IN RECENT YEARS - BUT MORE CUTS, HE SAYS, WOULD BE DEVASTATING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/21/2009 REPORTED THAT INCOMING FRESHMEN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI'S J-SCHOOL WILL USE THE I-PHONE-- OR AN I-POD TOUCH-- TO DOWNLOAD CLASSROOM LECTURES, OR CONFIRM FACTS WHILE REPORTING FROM THE FIELD. CRITICS SAY WHILE DOZENS OF COLLEGES USE I-PODS IN THEIR PROGRAMS, NONE MAKE IT MANDATORY.OTHERS WORRY ABOUT CORPORATE INFLUENCE ON CAMPUS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 5/22/2009 REPORTED THAT AMERICA'S TOP EDUCATOR IS IN THE BAY AREA TONIGHT, WITH A FINANCIAL REPORT CARD FOR CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS HE MET WITH MAYORS, TEACHERS.. AND EVEN TALKED TO STUDENTS. NBC BAY AREA'S CHERYL HURD FOUND OUT HOW THE MAN AT THE TOP PLANS TO MAKE EDUCATION, A TOP PRIORITY. .S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION ARNE DUNCAN REACHING OUT TO JUST OVER A DOZEN CALIFORNIA MAYORS AT A ROUNDTABLE MEETING AT SAN FRANCISCO'S CITY HALL. HE WANTS HELP TEACHING AMERICA'S CHILDREN. DUNCAN TOOK HIS REFORM AGENDA TO PAUL REVERE SCHOOL.THE STUDENTS WERE IMPRESSED THE TOP EDUCATOR FROM WASHINGTON DC TOURED THEIR SCHOOL BUT SAN FRANCISCO SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CARLOS GARCIA SAYS THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION IS GRIM NO MATTER WHAT SPIN YOU PUT ON IT. THAT'S BECAUSE HIS DISTRICT MAY HAVE TO CUT SOME 51 MILLION DOLLARS FROM ITS BUDGET OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/1/2009 REPORTED THAT IT'S BEEN A BRUTAL SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE WEST CONTRA COSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT. EIGHT STUDENTS WERE SHOT AND KILLED ... MORE THAN IN ANY OTHER DISTRICT IN THE EAST BAY. STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE STRUGGLED TO DEAL WITH THE VIOLENCE AND THE LOSS OF THEIR FRIENDS. 15-YEAR-OLD CAMERON RUSSELL A STUDENT AT KENNEDY HIGH IN RICHMOND...WAS SHOT AND KILLED ON JANUARY 23 WHILE HANGING OUT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SCHOOL. HE WAS ONE OF EIGHT WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS WHO WERE KILLED BY GUN VIOLENCE DURING THIS TUMULTUOUS SCHOOL YEAR. ADRIENNE PATTERSON SAYS RUSSELL'S COUSIN GOT A PHONE CALL IN CLASS. THEY CALLED HIM TO TELL HIM HIS COUSIN WAS DEAD. WE WAS ALL IN THE CLASSROOM WHEN HE HAD TOLD US THAT." RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL JULIO FRANCO SAYS THE STAFF LEARNS ABOUT THESE TRAGEDIES FROM POLICE...SOMETIMES FROM OTHER STUDENTS AND SOMETIMES FROM NEWS REPORTS. HE SAYS OFTEN THE NEWS STORIES DON'T NAME THE VICTIM UNTIL A FEW DAYS LATER. IN THE INTERIM...IT'S A PAINFUL WAIT TO FIND OUT WHICH STUDENT WAS KILLED AND WHICH SCHOOL THEY ATTENDED. "WE LOST AT LEAST 4 KIDS THAT I KNOW PERSONALLY." FRANCO SAYS DESPITE CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES AND COUNSELORS THE GRIEF LOOMS LIKE A DARK CLOUD OVER THE SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR."THERE WILL BE MEMORIES IN THE YEARBOOK TO REMIND YOU OF WHAT HAPPENED OR AT GRADUATION, YOU SEE A MISSING CHAIR, AN EMPTY CHAIR." RUSSELL'S CLASSMATES WILL GRADUATE IN 2012 AND THE HOLE LEFT BY HIS DEATH WILL NEVER BE FILLED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/4/2009 REPORTED THAT THE SIGHT OF PRE-SCHOOLERS SKIPPING THROUGH A BANK



CLUTCHING FISTFULS OF MONEY HAD CUSTOMERS TURNING THEIR HEADS IN LAFAYETTE TODAY. OKAY, THE MONEY WASN'T REAL, BUT THE KIDS FROM OLD FIREHOUSE SCHOOL WERE EXCITED ANYWAY. IT MAY SEEM LIKE AN ODD FIELD TRIP, ESPECIALLY WHEN SO MANY ADULTS CAN'T EXPLAIN WHERE THEIR MONEY WENT. THE BIGGEST LESSON? THE A-T-M DOESN'T GIVE YOU AS MUCH MONEY AS YOU WANT... YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DEPOSIT FIRST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/16/2009 REPORTED THAT THE U-C SYSTEM NOW SAYS IT WILL MEET ITS GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR REDUCING ENROLLMENT BY 24-HUNDRED STUDENTS. SEVERE BUDGET PROBLEMS FORCED THE 10-CAMPUSES TO ACCEPT FEWER STUDENTS THAN LAST YEAR. THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IS ALSO ON TRACK TO MEET ITS GOAL OF INCREASING COMMUNITY-COLLEGE TRANSFERS BY FIVE-HUNDRED STUDENTS. THEY'RE PART OF A RECORD 19-THOUSAND TRANSFERS WHO WERE GRANTED ADMISSION THIS YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00-7:00PM 6/20/2009 REPORTED THAT IN WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY -- CHILDREN WHO DEPEND ON A FREE LUNCH PROGRAM AT SCHOOL WILL STILL BE ABLE TO GET THAT FREE LUNCH NOW THAT SCHOOL IS OUT FOR SUMMER. THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM, SPONSORED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS BEING EXTENDED THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS. SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE LOCATED AT APPROVED SITES THAT ARE IN LOW-INCOME AREAS.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/8/09 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA FISHERMAN GOT THE NEWS THEY FEARED TODAY. FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, THERE WILL BE NO COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING SEASON. FISHING REGULATORS MADE THE DECISION TODAY AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN MILLBRAE. THEY SAY THERE AREN'T ENOUGH SALMON RETURNING TO THE SACRAMENTO RIVER TO SPAWN. FISHERMEN HAD EXPECTED THE DECISION. THEY'RE URGING STATE OFFICIALS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS IN THE DELTA BY RELEASING MORE WATER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/11/09 REPORTED THAT COMMUNITIES IN TENNESSEE -- AND ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST -- STARTED PICKING UP THE PEICES OF THEIR HOMES TODAY -- AFTER A ROUND OF TORNADOES HIT THE REGION. THE TOWN OF MURFREES-BORO, TENNESSEE IS THE HARDEST HIT. POLICE SAY THREE TO FIVE TORNADOES TORE THROUGH THE TOWN YESTERDAY, KILLING TWO PEOPLE AND INJURING AT LEAST 41. IN ALL -- THE STORMS KILLED AT LEAST SIX PEOPLE, INJURED DOZENS, AND DESTROYED HUNDREDS OF HOMES

ACROSS 15 STATES. OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS -- THERE WERE MORE THAN 500 REPORTS OF SEVERE WEATHER. AND 60 POSSIBLE TORNADOES IN THE REGION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/15/09 REPORTED THAT INVESTIGATORS ARE TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF WHAT CAUSED A HILLSIDE TO GIVE WAY... AND CRASH DOWN INTO A HOME IN SAN DIEGO. NO-ONE WAS IN THE HOME AT THE TIME OF THE SLIDE.. FIREFIGHTERS ARE LOOKING INTO WHETHER A HOSE OR IRRIGATION SYSTEM COULD HAVE TRIGGERED THE LAND TO GIVE WAY. JUST TO BE SAFE, FIREFIGHTERS ORDERED TWO PEOPLE IN HOMES NEARBY TO GET OUT OF THE AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/16/09 REPORTED FEDERAL OFFICIALS GOT A COLORFUL RECEPTION IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY.THEY'RE HERE GATHERING PUBLIC OPINION ON PROPOSED OFFSHORE DRILLING IN CALIFORNIA. THEY GOT WHAT THEY CAME FOR. DEBATE OVER OFF SHORE OIL DRILLING MOVED INTO SAN FRANCISCO TODAY WITH ALL THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE YOU'D EXPECT. THERE WERE DANCING POLAR BEARS AND SURFERS COVERED IN CHOCOLATE SAUCE TO SIMULATE OIL. BUT INSIDE THE MEETING THE TONE WAS ALL BUSINESS. NEW U-S INTERIOR SECRETARY KEN SALAZAR CALLED THE MEETING ONE OF FOUR ACROSS THE COUNTRY HE'S COLLECTING PUBLIC OPINIONS AS THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS WHETHER TO OPEN UP NEW AREAS OF THE WEST COAST TO DRILLING. SALAZAR SAYS THE PRESIDENT'S FOCUS IS ON RENEWABLE ENERGETICS BUT CONCEDES DRILLING COULD BE PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN. BUT STATE LEADERS LIKE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI SAY THEY WILL FIGHT ANY NEW DRILLING EFFORTS OFF CALIFORNIA'S COAST. THE OIL INDUSTRY ARGUES EXPANDED DRILLING COULD BOOST THE U-S ECONOMY... AND REDUCE RELIANCE ON FOREIGN OIL. SALAZAR SAYS HE WILL TAKE THE PUBLIC'S VIEWS BACK TO WASHINGTON. HE SAYS HE HOPES TO HAVE A PLAN DRAWN UP BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/17/09 REPORTED THAT GREENHOUSE GASES NOT ONLY POLLUTE THE AIR, THEY'RE DOWNRIGHT DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH. NBC BAY AREA'S TRACIE POTTS EXPLAINS HOW TODAY'S BIG ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE E-P-A, AFFECTS YOU. THERE'S "COMPELLING AND OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE" -- THE EPA SAID TODAY. CARBON DIOXIDE AND FIVE OTHER GASES THAT PRODUCE HEAT... THREATEN PUBLIC HEALTH. ENVIRONMENTALISTS AGREE: "IT CAUSES KILLER HEAT WAVES, IT MAKES SMOG LEVELS WORSE, IT MAKES HURRICANES STRONGER. THESE ARE ALL THREATS TO OUR HEALTH." THE EPA'S DECISION OPENS THE DOOR FOR THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO DO WHAT THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION OPPOSED -- PUT LIMITS ON POLLUTION FROM CARS... POWER PLANTS... FACTORIES...

AND OTHER EMITTERS.THERE WAS WIDESPREAD REACTION TODAY. AUTOMAKERS SAY THEY'RE ALREADY MAKING CLEANER CARS. THEY ADMIT CARBON DIOXIDE FROM TAILPIPES CONTRIBUTES TO CLIMATE CHANGE BUT AREN'T AS FIRM ON WHETHER IT CAN MAKE YOU SICK. THE EPA NOW BEGINS CREATING RULES TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES. A FORMER EPA ATTORNEY BELIEVES THE AGENCY WILL NOW HAVE MUCH MORE AUTHORITY OVER MANUFACTURERS ON THE FRONT END... RATHER THAN AFTER THEY'VE POLLUTED. HERE ON CAPITOL HILL, CONGRESS HAD ALREADY BEEN WORKING ON WRITING NEW ENERGY LAWS. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF THEY WILL PRE-EMPT OR COMPLEMENT WHAT THE EPA IS DOING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/22/09 REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER CELEBRATED EARTH DAY, BY PLANTING A TREE IN PLEASANTON. THE TREE WAS THE MILLIONTH TREE PLANTED BY SHAKLEE CORPORATION THE EAST BAY BIOTECH COMPANY LAUNCHED ITS "MILLION TREES-MILLION DREAMS" CAMPAIGN, TO RAISE AWARENESS OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE. A DEMOCRATIC SENATOR FROM WISCONSIN LAUNCHED EARTH DAY IN 1970.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/23/09 REPORTED THAT MORE EVACUATIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA TONIGHT, AS A MASSIVE WILDFIRE BURNS NEAR THE POPULAR VACATION SPOT OF MYRTLE BEACH. WIND-WHIPPED FLAMES HAVE BURNED 15-THOUSAND 5-HUNDRED ACRES, DESTROYED 70-HOMES, AND DAMAGED A HUNDRED MORE. MORE THAN 25-HUNDRED PEOPLE HAD TO EVACUATE THE FIRE'S PATH YESTERDAY. TODAY, MANY WERE ALLOWED TO RETURN. THE BLAZE IS THE BIGGEST WILDFIRE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MORE THAN 30-YEARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/30/09 REPORTED A MINOR EARTHQUAKE SHOOK THE HILLSIDES EAST OF MORGAN HILL LATE TODAY. JUST BEFORE FOUR, A THREE-POINT-SIX QUAKE RUMBLED THROUGH THE AREA.THE U-S-G-S PIN-POINTS THE EPICENTER AT NINE-MILES NORTH OF MORGAN HILL, AND 15 MILES SOUTH EAST OF DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE.NO REPORTS OF DAMAGE OR INJURIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/5/09 REPORTED ABOUT 1,200 HOMES HAVE BEEN ORDERED EVACUATED BECAUSE OF WIND-DRIVEN WILDFIRE BURNING IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.THE FIRE ERUPTED EARLY TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND HAS GROWN TO ABOUT 150 ACRES ABOVE THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA. EVACUATION CENTERS ARE SET UP FOR PEOPLE AND ANIMALS. CAUSE UNKNOWN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/9/09 REPORTED THAT FIREFIGHTERS IN SANTA BARBARA ARE WOORIED THAT HIGH

WINDS FORECAST FOR TOMORROW, WILL FAN NEW FURY INTO THE MASSIVE JESUSITA BLAZE. INVESTIGATORS NOW SAY SOMEONE USING POWER TOOLS TO CLEAR BRUSH, PROBABLY SPARKED THE BLAZE. THEY'RE ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN IDENTIFYING WHOEVER WAS CLEARING VEGETATION NEAR THE "JESUSITA TRAIL", LAST MONDAY AND TUESDAY. THE FIRE HAS CHARRED MORE THAN 87-HUNDRED ACRES AND DESTROYED OR DAMAGED 99-HOMES. THE FIRE IS 70-PERCENT UNDER CONTROL TONIGHT, AND THE ESTIMATED COST TO FIGHT THE FIRE SO FAR HAS TOPPED 10-MILLION DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/14/09 REPORTED THAT A SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER IN HAYWARD HAS BEEN LIFTED AFTER A JUNKYARD FIRE SPEWED A MASSIVE PLUME OF BLACK SMOKE, THAT COULD BE SEEN FOR MILES. THE FIRE STARTED JUST BEFORE 5 AT "SIMS METAL YARD" ON INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY. FIRE CREWS SAY THE APPLIANCES AT THE YARD, FUELED THE HEAVY SMOKE. NO ONE WAS INJURED ON THE FIRE. IT'S NOT CLEAR HOW THE FIRE STARTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/17/09 REPORTED THE EVENT BRINGS TOGETHER GREEN VENDORS, NON-PROFITS, CHILDREN'S GROUPS, BUILDERS AND DESIGNERS. THE GOAL IS TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT CREATIVE WAYS TO BECOME ENERGY EFFICIENT. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SIGNED A PLEDGE NOT TO USE PLASTIC BAGS. THE FAIR, BY THE WAY, IS PUT ON BY THE "BURLINGAME GREEN RIBBON TASK FORCE" - WHICH IS ALSO DRAFTING A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/19/09 REPORTED THAT MORE RATTLED NERVES TONIGHT, AFTER A STRONG AFTERSHOCK SHOOK THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. ALL THIS FOLLOWING A STRONGER QUAKE TWO DAYS AGO. IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE FOUR O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON.. AND WAS CENTERED 10 MILES SOUTHWEST OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, NEAR L-A-X. THAT'S IN THE SAME AREA AS THE FOUR-POINT-SEVEN MAGNITUDE QUAKE ON SUNDAY. A WATER MAIN REPORTEDLY BROKE. BUT NO OTHER DAMAGE HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM TODAY'S AFTERSHOCK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/28/09 REPORTED THAT ENVIRONMENTALISTS IN THE BAY AREA ARE WORKING TO SAVE AN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF SEA TURTLE. BUT THEIR WORK ISN'T TAKING PLACE IN NATURE. THEY'RE TAKING THE FIGHT TO COURT. IN THE VAST WORLD OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM... THE LEATHER BACK SEA TURTLE IS ONE OF THE GREAT TRAVELERS. IT'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE BEGINS IN INDONESIA... AND ENDS ON THE COAST OF SAN MATEO. BUT THE TRIP... HAS BECOME MORE PERILOUS THAN EVER. MICHAEL MILNE OF MARIN'S TURTLE ISLAND RESTORATION NETWORK BLAMES THE DECLINE ON

FISHING.HE SAYS TURTLES LIKE THIS ONE... HAVE BEEN CAUGHT UP BY LONG LINE FISHING TECHNIQUES. TODAY... MILNE'S GROUP FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IT CLAIMS THE FEDS AREN'T DOING ENOUGH TO PROTECT LEATHERBACKS. WITH A WEIGHT REACHING A THOUSAND POUNDS, THE LEATHERBACK IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST SEA TURTLE. BUT ENVIRONMENTALISTS SAY THE NUMBER OF FEMALES... HAS DROPPED TO LESS THAN A THOUSAND. THEY SAY WITHOUT HELP THE LEATHERBACK WILL SOON GO THE WAY OF ITS OLD NEIGHBOR... THE DINOSAUR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/8/09 REPORTED THAT TEAMS OF P-G-AND-E CREWS ARE STILL WORKING AT THE SCENE OF FRIDAY'S UNDERGROUND EXPLOSION IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE STREET WHERE IT HAPPENED IS STILL CLOSED. CREWS SPENT THE DAY CLEARING OUT MELTED WIRES AND CABLES FROM THE INTERSECTION OF POLK AND O'FARRELL. P-G AND E SAYS THEY'RE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE CAUSE... AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE FROM THE FIRE. SEVERAL BUSINESSES IN THE AREA REMAIN CLOSED. P-G-AND-E SAYS THEY'LL HAVE TO FILE CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THEIR LOSSES. THE UTILITY SAYS IT STILL DOESN'T HAVE A SCHEDULE FOR WHEN THE INTERSECTION WILL REOPEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/11/09 REPORTED THAT A BAY AREA CHARITY IS USING AN UNUSUAL NATURAL RESOURCE TO GET IT DONE AND IT NEEDS HELP TO CONTINUE ITS GREEN MISSION. MEET LISA CRAIG GAUTIER-- SHE'S A FORCE OF NATURE-- WITH A LIMITLESS SUPPLY OF ENERGY--- AND HAIR. THREE TRACTOR TRAILERS FILLED WITH HAIR TO BE EXACT. WHY DOES SHE NEED 18-THOUSAND POUNDS OF HAIR? HER ECOLOGICAL CHARITY-- MATTER OF TRUST-- MAKES MATS OUT OF DONATED HAIR. FILE OF COSCO BUSAN EXPORTED ON OASIS-- CALLED HAIR MAT STORY. THOSE MATS HELP CLEAN UP OIL SPILLS ALL OVER THE WORLD-- AND IN OUR BACKYARD. THOUSANDS OF MATS WERE USED DURING THE COSCO BUSAN OIL SPILL-- TO SOAK UP 58-THOUSAND GALLONS OF FUEL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/18/09 REPORTED THAT THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS YOU CAN GO, AND WHILE YOU'RE REMODELING, YOU'RE ALSO IMPROVING THE AIR QUALITY AND HELPING THE EARTH. WHEN DIANE BIRCH AND HER FAMILY WANTED TO REMODEL THEIR 1922 BERKELEY BEAUTY THEY HAD TWO THINGS ON THEIR MIND: MODERN AND GREEN. AND HERE'S WHAT THEY GOT FROM HEATED CONCRETE FLOORS TO COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF NATURAL LIGHT. THIS HOME IS ALL ABOUT HEALTH FOR BOTH THEIR FAMILY AND THE EARTH.THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE REMODEL IS MAURICE LEVITCH. LEVITCH WAS ABLE TO TURN A DARK AND DINGY BASEMENT INTO A WHOLE OTHER USABLE FLOOR... DOUBLING THE LIVING SPACE. ONE OF

LEVITCH'S TRICKS OF THE TRADE IS TO THINK GREEN EARLY ON IN A PROJECT LEVITCH CALLS THINGS LIKE RECYCLING, WINDOW PLACEMENT AND RECYCLE CONTENT, LOW HANGING FRUIT. THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE WHEN IT COMES TO BEING GREEN BUT AREN'T GOING TO COST MORE IN THE PROCESS. THIS IS SOMETHING, HE SAYS, CUSTOMERS ARE STARTING TO UNDERSTAND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/26/09 REPORTED THAT THE HOUSE HAS REJECTED A REPUBLICAN ALTERNATIVE TO A SWEEPING CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY BILL - SETTING THE STAGE FOR ITS PASSAGE. SUPPORTERS SAY THE BILL WOULD WEAN THE NATION OFF FOREIGN OIL -- AND DOMESTIC COAL... BY MANDATING A 17 PERCENT REDUCTION IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2020. 15 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S ELECTRICITY WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY. REPUBLICANS SAY THAT CHANGE COMES WITH TOO STEEP A PRICE TAG FOR STRUGGLING AMERICANS. THE G-O-P PROPOSAL WAS DEFEATED 172 TO 255 IN THE HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON. THE SENATE HAS YET TO ACT ON THE MEASURE, AND A MAJOR STRUGGLE IS EXPECTED THERE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/26/09 REPORTED THAT BARBARA BOXER TOURED A PET PROJECT OF HERS TODAY, CALLED \*RICHMOND BUILD. THE 'GREEN-COLLAR' TRAINING PROGRAM GETS YOUNG PEOPLE READY TO WORK IN "RENEWABLE ENERGY." IT BRAGS A JOB-PLACEMENT RATE OF 90-PERCENT. BOXER IS COLLABORATING ON A CLIMATE CHANGE BILL, AND SAYS FREMONT'S NUMMI PLANT COULD PLAY A GREENER ROLE. SHE HOPES TOYOTA IS LISTENING. BOXER SAYS THE CLIMATE CHANGE BILL SHE'S WORKING ON WILL "BUILD" ON THE HOUSE VERSION PASSED FRIDAY.

### **GOVERNMENT**

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/9/09 REPORTED THAT A NEW PLAN FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA SHOULD CUT THE RED-TAPE FOR WOUNDED VETERANS. THE IDEA IS TO STREAMLINE THEIR HEALTH-CARE BY CREATING A JOINT ELECTRONIC RECORDS SYSTEM. BUT FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER. THE PRESIDENT SAYS NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET INCLUDES THE LARGEST SINGLE-YEAR INCREASE IN V-A FUNDING IN THREE DECADES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/13/09 REPORTED THAT BACK IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL, PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA IS TOUTING THE BENEFITS OF THE 787-BILLION DOLLAR ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN. SPEAKING AT THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TODAY, THE PRESIDENT HIGHLIGHTED THE

ADMINISTRATION'S \*2000TH\* INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT. MISTER OBAMA SAID THE PLAN TO WIDEN AN INTERSTATE AND REBUILD AN OVERPASS IN MICHIGAN SLATED TO START THIS SUMMER.. IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF HOW STIMULUS SPENDING IS WORKING, AND CREATING MUCH-NEEDED JOBS. TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAY STIFF COMPETITION AMONG CONTRACTORS WANTING A SHARE OF STIMULUS MONEY, IS DRIVING DOWN COSTS, BY AS MUCH AS 20-PERCENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/13/09 IF AN ACTION MOVIE STAR CAN BECOME CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR-- IT'S NOT A STRETCH TO IMAGINE A FASHION MOGEL RUNNING THE GOLDEN STATE. TODAY-- A CO-FOUNDER OF THE GUESS CLOTHING EMPIRE-- GEORGES MARCIANO-- REGISTERED PAPERWORK WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE.THE 62-YEAR OLD FRENCH BORN BUSINESSMAN WILL RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT IN 20-10, WHEN GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER IS TERMED OUT. MARCIANO FOUNDED GUESS IN 19-82 WITH HIS THREE BROTHERS AFTER MOVING TO THE U.S. FROM FRANCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/13/09 REPORTED THAT BACK IN MINNESOTA, WHERE A STATE COURT CONFIRMED DEMOCRAT AL FRANKEN WON THE MOST VOTES IN HIS 2008 SENATE BID AGAINST REPUBLICAN NORM COLEMAN. BUT -- THE RACE IS STILL NOT OVER. INCUMBENT COLEMAN HAS TEN DAYS TO APPEAL TO MINNESOTA'S SUPREME COURT-- WHICH HE HAS SAID HE WILL DO. FRANKEN SPOKE JUST MOMENTS AGO. AFTER A STATEWIDE RECOUNT AND A SEVEN WEEK TRIAL -- FRANKEN HAS 312 MORE VOTES THAN COLEMAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/21/09 REPORTED THAT AT NINE O'CLOCK THIS MORING, SIMULTANEOUSLY ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND YOUTUBE NEWSOM MADE HIS CANDIDACY OFFICIAL. NEWSOM HAS MORE THAN THIRTY THOUSAND SUPPORTERS ON FACEBOOK ... AND CLOSE TO THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND FOLLOWERS ON TWITTER.HE LIKED THIS METHOD, HE TOLD US, BECAUSE HE LIKES TO THINK OF HIMSELF AS TECH SAVVY AND FORWARD THINKING ... AND THIS CHOICE REFLECTS THOSE CHARACTERISTICS. HE ALSO SAID IT SHOWS HOW HE IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR. THE MAYOR SAYS HE PLANS ON USING THESE TOOLS NOT JUST TODAY, BUT THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN ... FOR ORGANIZING AND FUNDRAISING. OF COURSE, BARACK OBAMA FAMOUSLY USED SOCIAL NETWORKING TO HELP HIM WIN THE WHITE HOUSE. BUT, TO PUT THESE NUMBERS IN PERSPECTIVE: GAVIN NEWSOM MAY HAVE THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE FOLLOWING HIM ON TWITTER ... BUT ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER GOT MORE THAN FOUR MILLION VOTES TO BECOME GOVERNOR IN 2006.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/23/09 REPORTED THAT IT'S GETTING CROWDED; ANOTHER DEMOCRAT IS JUMPING INTO THE RACE FOR ELLEN TAUSCHER'S EAST BAY CONGRESSIONAL SEAT. ALAMO ASSEMBLYWOMAN JOAN BUCHANAN WANTS TO MOVE UP JUST FOUR MONTHS AFTER TAKING OFFICE IN THE STATE CAPITOL. HER ANNOUNCEMENT IS JUST A DAY AFTER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI JOINED THE EAST BAY CAMPAIGN. STATE SENATOR MARK DESAULNIER IS ALSO IN THE CONTEST. TAUSCHER IS LEAVING OFFICE FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO BECOME UNDERSECRETARY FOR ARMS CONTROL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/27/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA IS MAKING GOOD ON A CAMPAIGN PROMISE TO INVEST IN SCIENCE. IN A SPEECH AT THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED PLANS TO DEVOTE MORE THAN THREE PERCENT OF THE U-S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. DO THE MATH, AND THAT ADDS UP TO ABOUT \$420 \*BILLION\* DOLLARS. THE PRESIDENT COMPARED THIS COMMITMENT TO AMERICA'S SPACE RACE A GENERATION AGO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/30/09 REPORTED VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN HAS A REPUTATION FOR PUTTING HIS FOOT IN HIS MOUTH. AND HE SURE GOT A MOUTHFUL WITH HIS COMMENTS ABOUT THE SWINE FLU OUTBREAK. BIDEN REGULARLY COMMUTED ON AMTRAK, DURING HIS DECADES AS A DELAWARE SENATOR. ON THE 'TODAY SHOW,' BIDEN WAS ASKED WHAT KIND OF PRECAUTIONS HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE TAKING WHEN IT COMES TO AVOIDING SWINE FLU WHILE TRAVELLING. VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY ISSUED A STATEMENT.. BACKING AWAY FROM THE BLUNDER. THE C-D-C'S ONLY TRAVEL RECOMMENDATION IS TO AVOID NON-ESSENTIAL TRIPS TO MEXICO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/1/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS HE'S FILLING UP HIS CABINET WITH INNOVATORS... AND THE LAST TWO OFFICIALLY STARTED WORK TODAY. VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN DID THE HONORS OF SWEARING IN FORMER GOVERNORS KATHLEEN SEBELIUS AND GARY LOCKE. SEBELIUS WILL HEAD UP THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND LOCKE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS SEBELIUS HAD TO GO RIGHT TO WORK TO HELP DIRECT THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE SWINE FLU OUTBREAK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/4/09 REPORTED THAT FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOHN EDWARDS IS NOW THE SUBJECT OF A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF HIS CAMPAIGN FINANCES. AT ISSUE IS WHETHER ANY CAMPAIGN MONEY WAS WRONGFULLY PAID TO THE WOMAN HE ADMITTED HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH ... WHO WAS ALSO A



CAMPAIGN AIDE. EDWARDS HAS SAID HE'S CONFIDENT NO FUNDS WERE USED IMPROPERLY. RECORDS SHOW HIS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE PAID RIELLE HUNTER'S VIDEO FIRM 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN 2006. THEN IN APRIL 2007, AN ADDITIONAL 14-THOUSAND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/12/09 REPORTED THAT THE BUDGET MEASURE WE'RE VOTING THAT AT ONE TIME WERE SUPPOSED TO FIX THE PROBLEM ... NOW, DON'T EVEN ADDRESS HALF OF IT.THERE WILL BE MORE CUTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY, EDUCATION, PRISON, YOU NAME IT. BUT, THE GOVERNOR SAYS, YOU CAN BLAME SACRAMENTO ALL YOU WANT BUT ONE: IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT THE WORLD ECONOMY TANKED, AND TWO, IF YOUR AIM TO HURT POLITICIANS BY VOTING DOWN NEXT WEEKS MEASURES ... YOU ARE GOING TO MISS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/20/09 REPORTED THAT THE BATTLE OVER VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES COULD BE FOUGHT IN THE U-S SUPREME COURT. TODAY, ATTORNEY GENERAL JERRY BROWN FILED A PETITION WITH THE HIGH COURT. HE WANTS THE JUSTICES TO UPHOLD A 2005 STATE LAW, PROHIBITING THE SALE OR RENTAL OF VIOLENT GAMES TO CHILDREN. THE LAW WAS CHALLENGED BEFORE IT COULD GO INTO EFFECT. IN 2007, A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT INVALIDATED THE LAW.. AND THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS AFFIRMED THE RULING THIS PAST FEBRUARY.IF AT LEAST FOUR OF THE NINE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES GRANT BROWN'S PETITION-- THE COURT WILL TAKE UP THE CASE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/25/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA COULD ANNOUNCE HIS SUPREME COURT NOMINATION, AS EARLY AS TOMORROW. THE BUZZ IN RECENT WEEKS OVER THE NOMINATION HAS HEIGHTENED REPUBLICAN CONCERNS THAT THE CHOICE WILL BE A LIBERAL ACTIVIST.SOME G-O-P MEMBERS HAVE EVEN THREATENED TO FILIBUSTER TO BLOCK THE NOMINATION, IF THEY FEEL THE PERSON FALLS TOO FAR FROM THE MAINSTREAM. PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS SAID HE'S LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO USES EMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING, WHEN MAKING DECISIONS THAT COULD INFLUENCE THE NATION FOR DECADES. THE NOMINEE WILL BE REPLACING RETIRIING JUSTICE DAVID SOUTER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/31/09 REPORTED THAT SUPREME COURT NOMINEE SONIA SOTOMAYOR REPORTEDLY ACKNOWLEDGED USING \*POOR\* WORD CHOICE, IN A 2001 SPEECH WHICH CRITICS HAVE SINGLED OUT AS RACIST. IN A LECTURE AT THE U-C BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW, SOTOMAYOR HAD SAID THAT A LATINA WOMAN JURIST MIGHT REACH A BETTER CONCLUSION THAN A WHITE MALE JUDGE WHO HASN'T LIVED THE SAME LIFE. THE COMMENT HAS

BECOME A RALLYING CALL FOR CONSERVATIVES WHO INSIST SOTOMAYOR WILL OFFER OPINIONS FROM THE BENCH BASED LESS ON THE RULE OF LAW...AND MORE ON HER LIFE EXPERIENCE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/31/09 REPORTED THAT FORMER EBAY C-E-O MEG WHITMAN HAS NOT OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT SHE'S A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA. BUT TODAY, JOHN MCCAIN OFFICIALLY 'DID' ANNOUNCE HIS ENDORSEMENT OF WHITMAN FOR THE OFFICE. THE MCCAIN ENDORSEMENT CAME IN ORANGE COUNTY. MEG WHITMAN HAD SERVED AS A CAMPAIGN ADVISOR TO MCCAIN DURING HIS RUN FOR THE PRESIDENCY LAST YEAR, SO IN A WAY, THIS WAS MCCAIN GIVING BACK. IT ISN'T CLEAR HOW USEFUL THE ENDORSEMENT WILL BE PARTICULARLY AMONG CONSERVATIVE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICANS, BUT IT DOES RAISE WHITMAN'S PROFILE WHEN THE OTHER CANDIDATES ARE LOOKING FOR TRACTION. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THOSE CANDIDATES DIDN'T SEEM TO BE IMPRESSED. INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STEVE POIZNER'S SPOKESMAN SAID THE MCCAIN ENDORSEMENT WAS PREDICTABLE -- AND POINTED OUT THAT POIZNER HAS THE SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA'S REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP. AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN TOM CAMPBELL DECLINED TO COMMENT AT ALL. BOTH CAMPBELL AND POIZNER HAVE URGED WHITMAN TO EMERGE FROM HER SCRIPTED EVENTS TO SHARE HER IDEAS. SHE WAS A NO-SHOW WHEN POIZNER AND CAMPBELL DEBATED THE PROPOSITIONS THAT VOTERS TURNED DOWN SEVERAL DAYS LATER. BUT WHITMAN IS TRADING ON HER HIGHER PROFILE BUILT ON ENDORSEMENTS LIKE MCCAIN'S AND MITT ROMNEY'S EARLIER. HER CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN IS FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR PETE WILSON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/1/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA NO DOUBT EXPECTS REPUBLICAN CRITICISM FOR HIS BUDGET, BAILOUTS, AND BASKETBALL COURT BUT EVEN THE OBAMAS MIGHT BE SURPRISED THE G-O-P IS OFFICIALLY BLASTING THEIR "DATE NIGHT" ON SATURDAY. THE PRESIDENT SAYS HE PROMISED HIS WIFE MICHELLE DINNER AND A BROADWAY SHOW WHEN THE CAMPAIGN WAS OVER. THEY FLEW TO NEW YORK ON ONE OF THE MILITARY'S SMALLER JETS STILL, THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE ISSUED AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OBJECTING TO THE SPLURGE WHEN G-M IS BANKRUPT AND AMERICANS STRUGGLE TO PAY BILLS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/2/09 REPORTED THAT SUPREME COURT NOMINEE SONIA SOTOMAYOR MET WITH TOP SENATE LEADERS ON CAPITOL HILL TODAY AND ADDRESSED SOME CONTROVERSIAL COMMENTS SHE MADE OFF THE BENCH. SOTOMAYOR MET WITH SENATE MAJORITY LEADER HARRY REID AMONG OTHER HIGH-RANKING SENATORS. SHE TRIED TO DEFLECT CRITICISM FROM A

STATEMENT SHE MADE, SAYING A LATINA JUDGE MIGHT MAKE BETTER JUDGEMENTS THAN A WHITE MALE JUDGE. DEMOCRATS WERE QUICK TO SUPPORT HER. BUT SOME REPUBLICANS ARE PROMISING A LENGTHY CONFIRMATION PROCESS. THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID HE WANTS THE CONFIRMATIONS OVER BY THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST. BUT POLITICAL EXPERTS SAY SINCE REPUBLICANS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH VOTES TO BLOCK THE CONFIRMATION, THEY'LL LIKELY STALL THE PROCEEDINGS TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR NEGATIVE INFORMATION ABOUT SOTOMAYOR TO COME OUT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/2/09 REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNOR TOLD A JOINT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT STATE GOVERNMENT HAS TO REINVENT ITSELF TO RESOLVE THE BUDGET CRISIS. RIGHT NOW, CALIFORNIA IS 24.3 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE RED. THE STATE CONTROLLER SAYS THE CASH WILL RUN OUT JULY 29TH. AND IF THE BUDGET IS NOT READY JUNE 15TH, LOANS COULD DRY UP TOO.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/9/09 REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER HOPES GOING DIGITAL WILL SAVE MONEY AND IMPROVE LEARNING AMONG CALIFORNIA'S STUDENTS. TO THAT END, THE GOVERNOR LAUNCHED AN "E-BOOKS" INITIATIVE TODAY. STARTING THIS FALL, CALIFORNIA WILL BECOME THE FIRST STATE IN THE NATION TO PROVIDE FREE DIGITAL TEXTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL MATH AND SCIENCE COURSES. THE GOVERNOR SAYS BY FREQUENTLY UPDATING TEXTS AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED, RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO TEACH FROM OUTDATED TEXTBOOKS, CALIFORNIA WILL BETTER PREPARE ITS STUDENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/9/09 REPORTED THAT FORMER VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SARAH PALIN IS FIRING BACK TONIGHT, AGAINST ACCUSATIONS OF PLAGIARISM. BLOGGER GEOFFREY DUNN ACCUSED PALIN OF PARAPHRASING AT LENGTH, FROM AN ARTICLE CO-WRITTEN BY NEWT GINGRICH, WHEN SHE GAVE A SPEECH IN ANCHORAGE LAST WEEK. BUT THE ALASKAN GOVERNOR'S LAWYER SAID TODAY, PALIN GAVE PROPER CREDIT TO THE FORMER HOUSE SPEAKER, IN WEDNESDAY'S SPEECH. HE SAYS PALIN MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT HER REFERENCE TO FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S LEGACY, CAME FROM GINGRICH'S 2005 ARTICLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/10/09 REPORTED THAT THE U.S. SENATE'S TOP REPUBLICAN IS ACCUSING DEMOCRATS OF MOVING TOO FAST ON JUDGE SONIA SOTOMAYOR'S SUPREME COURT NOMINATION. MITCH MCCONNELL WARNED TODAY THAT DEMOCRATS IN WASHINGTON WOULD FACE UNSPECIFIED CONSEQUENCES FOR SCHEDULING MID-JULY HEARINGS FOR SOTOMAYOR. ANOTHER G-O-P SENATOR FLOATED THE POSSIBILITY OF A FILIBUSTER. THEY SAY THE

SPEED WITH WHICH THE NOMINATION IS MOVING FORWARD VIOLATES BASIC STANDARDS OF FAIRNESS. JUDGE SOTOMAYOR IS EXPECTED TO WIN EASY CONFIRMATION. DEMOCRATS HOPE TO END HEARINGS BEFORE THE SENATE'S AUGUST BREAK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/19/09 REPORTED THAT ON MONDAY...CELEBRITIES LIKE MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY AND JON BON JOVI WILL GRACE THE HALLS OF MOSCONE CONVENTION CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR A CONFERENCE ABOUT VOLUNTEERISM HOSTED BY THE POINTS OF LIGHT INSTITUTE. BUT THEIR STARS HAVE BEEN ECLIPSED BY ANOTHER GUEST...FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES MICHELLE OBAMA WHO WILL SERVE AS THE EVENT'S KEY NOTE SPEAKER. ORGANIZERS HAVE WORKED ON THIS CONFERENCE FOR A YEAR BUT FINDING OUT THIS WEEK THAT OBAMA WOULD ATTEND HAS CHANGED A FEW THINGS. "WE'VE HAD TO ADD SECURITY. FOLKS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO WAIT IN LINES, SO IT WON'T BE THE SAME EASY, READY ACCESS." BUT THAT'S NOT OBAMA'S ONLY STOP. FIRST SHE WILL TRAVEL TO BRET HARTE ELEMENTARY IN THE BAYVIEW/HUNTER'S POINT DISTRICT. OBAMA WILL JOIN FIRST LADY OF CALIFORNIA MARIA SHRIVER AND HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP BUILD A NEW PLAYGROUND. "THE SCHOOL WILL BE READY BUT IN ADDITION WE'RE CUTTING LUMBER FOR THE BENCHES WE'RE GOING TO BE BUILDING. WE'RE PRIMING WALLS FOR THE MURALS WE'RE GOING TO BE PAINTING. WE'RE LEVELING THE AREAS WHERE GARDENING IS GOING TO GO. WE'RE DRILLING HOLES FOR THE PLAYGROUND. SO LOTS OF PREPARATION." REVEREND AMOS BROWN WILL ATTEND THE EVENT. HE SAYS HE'S HOPING OBAMA'S PRESENCE WILL BRING SOME ATTENTION TO A NEGLECTED, UNDERSERVED AREA LIKE BAYVIEW. BROWN SAYS THE CHALLENGE IS TO USE THE MOMENTUM FROM OBAMA'S VISIT TO BRING LASTING CHANGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/21/09 REPORTED THAT SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN IS PRAISING HIS FORMER OPPONENT'S PERFORMANCE SO FAR AS PRESIDENT. THE ARIZONA REPUBLICAN SAYS THAT BARACK OBAMA HAS DONE WELL IN HIS FIRST FIVE MONTHS - AND ACHIEVED ALL HIS LEGISLATIVE GOALS. HE SAYS THE DOWNSIDE TO THE PRESIDENT'S SUCCESS IN CONGRESS - IS THAT IT HAS COME WITH LITTLE OR NO REPUBLICAN SUPPORT. MCCAIN IS ALSO CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S RESPONSE TO PROTESTS IN IRAN. HE'S JOINED IN THE GROWING CALL FOR A STRONGER STANCE. MCCAIN WENT ON TO CRITICIZE PRESIDENT OBAMA'S DEADLINE FOR CLOSING GUANTANAMO BAY - WITHOUT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR WHAT TO DO WITH ITS PRISONERS. MCCAIN MADE THE COMMENTS ON CBS'S "FACE THE NATION."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/23/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA ADDRESSED QUESTIONS TODAY ABOUT HIS

OWN SMOKING HABITS - AFTER SIGNING INTO LAW THE TOUGHEST ANTI-SMOKING LAW EVER YESTERDAY. THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF ADMITTED TO SNEAKING A PUFF EVERY NOW AND THEN - BUT HE HAS STRICT RULES FOR HIMSELF ABOUT WHEN AND WHERE. THE BILL SIGNED YESTERDAY IS AIMED AT STOPPING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM PICKING UP THE HABIT. ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF SMOKERS BEGAN WHEN THEY WERE 18 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER. PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS HE GOT HOOKED AS A TEEN HIMSELF.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/24/09 REPORTED THAT SAN JOSE MAYOR CHUCK REED JOINED MAYORS FROM THE STATE'S 10 LARGEST CITIES.. ASKED GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER NOT TO SADDLE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH DEBT. STATE LEADERS ARE LOOKING AT A VARIETY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS, TO BALANCE THE BOOKS. THESE INCLUDE GAS TAXES, TRANSPORTATION FUNDS AND PROPERTY TAXES. THE HIT TO SAN JOSE ALONE, COULD BE OVER 50 MILLION DOLLARS. MAYOR REED SAYS HE'S WILLING TO MAKE ONE SACRIFICE. PROPOSITION 1-A WAS PASSED IN 2004. IT PROTECTS REVENUES COLLECTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE. BUT -- THE MAYORS UNDERSTAND THAT THE BUDGET CRISIS MEANS COMMUNITIES MUST BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. THEY CONTEND THAT ANY PLAN MUST BE STRUCTURED TO GET MONEY BACK INTO CITY COFFERS, QUICKLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/24/09 REPORTED THAT A SOUTH CAROLINA NEWSPAPER TONIGHT IS POSTING STEAMY EMAILS FROM AWOL GOVERNOR MARK SANFORD TO THE WOMAN WITH WHOM HE HAD AN AFFAIR. IN A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY, HE WIPED-AWAY TEARS, WHILE ADMITTING HE'D SECRETLY FLOWN TO SOUTH AMERICA TO VISIT THE UNNAMED WOMAN. SANFORD SAYS THE AFFAIR IS NOW OVER, AND HE AND HIS WIFE WILL TRY TO RECONCILE. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED HE'S RESIGNING AS HEAD OF THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/29/09 REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER IS PREPARING FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT FIRE SEASON DURING A DROUGHT. TODAY, SCHWARZENEGGER ORDERED A TASK FORCE TO REINFORCE CALIFORNIA'S PREPAREDNESS TO PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY FROM WILDFIRES. THE GOVERNOR PRAISED FIREFIGHTERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS COMBATting 2-THOUSAND FIRES, LAST YEAR. AND HE SAYS THE TASK FORCE WILL ENSURE CALIFORNIA CONTINUES TO BE AS PREPARED AS POSSIBLE WHENEVER DISASTER STRIKES. SINCE THE DEVASTATING 2003 FIRE SEASON, CALIFORNIA HAS ADDED MORE THAN 160-NEW FIRE ENGINES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/30/09 REPORTED THAT AN EIGHT MONTH FIGHT OVER MINNESOTA'S CONTESTED SENATE RACE IS OVER-- AND DEMOCRAT AL FRANKEN IS THE WINNER. THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT UNANIMOUSLY RULED TODAY-- THE FORMER SATURDAY NIGHT COMEDIAN SHOULD BE CERTIFIED THE WINNER. SHORTLY AFTER THE RULING HIS OPPONENT-- REPUBLICAN NORM COLEMAN CONCEDED. WHILE TALKING TO THE MEDIA AND SUPPORTERS, BOTH MEN ACKNOWLEDGED THE CLOSE RACE WHICH WAS DECIDED BY ONLY A FEW HUNDRED VOTES. FRANKEN'S VICTORY GIVES DEMOCRATS CONTROL OF 60 SENATE SEATS-- ENOUGH TO END ANY REPUBLICAN FILIBUSTER.

### **HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE**

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/10/09 REPORTED THAT THE NATION'S SECOND PARTIAL FACE TRANSPLANT PATIENT IS RECUPERATING FROM HIS 17-HOUR OPERATION TONIGHT. DOCTORS AT BOSTON'S BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL DID NOT IDENTIFY THE DONOR, OR THE RECIPIENT AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON. A TEAM LED BY PLASTIC SURGEON DOCTOR BOHDAN POMAHAC REPLACED THE MAN'S NOSE, PALATE, UPPER LIP -- AND SOME SKIN, MUSCLES AND NERVES WITH THOSE OF A DEAD DONOR. THE PATIENT HAS NOT SEEN HIMSELF YET. THE BOSTON SURGERY IS THE WORLD'S SEVENTH FACE TRANSPLANT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/15/09 REPORTED THAT UNITED AIRLINES IS GOING TO START CHARGING YOU FOR EXTRA HANDLES... NOT THOSE ON YOUR SUITCASE... BUT YOUR "LOVE HANDLES." UNITED ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT OVERWEIGHT PASSENGERS WHO HAVE TROUBLE FITTING IN ONE SEAT OR WHO CAN NOT PUT THE SEAT BELT ON WILL HAVE TO UPGRADE TO A ROOMIER CABIN... OR PAY FOR ANOTHER SEAT. UNITED SAYS THEY WILL HELP THE PASSENGER FIND ANOTHER SEAT WITH AN EMPTY ONE NEXT TO IT... ROOM PERMITTING. THE AIRLINE ALSO SAYS THIS POLICY MIRRORS THAT OF MANY OTHER CARRIERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/16/09 REPORTED THAT IT'S AN EXCITING NEW DAY FOR WAR VETERANS INJURED IN COMBAT. THE ARMY ROLLED OUT A NEW GENERATION OF BATTERY-POWERED ARTIFICIAL KNEES.. PROSTHETICS THAT MAKE WALKING, A LOT EASIER. THE NEW ONE'S SMALLER, THREE POUNDS LIGHTER - AND SMARTER. IT LEARNS WHILE YOU WALK. ADVANCED SENSORS EVEN HELP PREVENT FALLS. LT. COLONEL GREG GADSON TELLS US THE POWER KNEE TWO *FEELS* A LOT MORE NATURAL... BUT TAKES SOME GETTING USED TO. HE LOST BOTH LEGS TO A ROADSIDE BOMB IN IRAQ TWO YEARS AGO LEAVING THIS FORMER WEST POINT FOOTBALL PLAYER TO RE-LEARN

PUTTING ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER. AFTER JUST A FEW DAYS, HE CAN WALK A MILE AT A TIME. AND WITH *THREE TIMES* THE BATTERY POWER - *THIS* LEG LASTS ALL DAY. STILL, THE LEARNING PROCESS IS TOUGH. THE COLONEL *FELL* SEVERAL TIMES ON DAY ONE. TRAINERS SAY FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE, IT'S TOUGH BEING THAT FAR OFF THE GROUND. THE NEW PROSTHESIS COULD BE READY TO MARKET IN A YEAR. COLONEL GADSON'S THE FIRST PERSON TO TRY IT. LEADING THE WAY FOR AMERICA'S WOUNDED HEROES ONE STEP AT A TIME. THE FIRST VERSION OF THE POWER KNEE COST 70-THOUSAND DOLLARS. NO PRICE TAG'S BEEN PUT ON THE NEW ONE YET.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/16/09 REPORTED THAT DOCTORS TOLD A 28 YEAR OLD PATIENT THAT THEY NEEDED TO REMOVE A TUMOR FROM HIS LUNG BUT WHEN DOCTORS WENT IN THEY FOUND OUT THE PATIENT WAS CANCER FREE. HE ACTUALLY HAD A TWO INCH FIR TREE GROWING IN HIS LUNG. BOTANISTS SAY THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE A TREE NEEDS LIGHT TO GROW... BUT THE SURGEONS SAY THEY SAW IT WITH THEIR OWN EYES... AND BELIEVE THE MAN INHALED IT. THE PATIENT IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A FULL RECOVERY ... ALTHOUGH WE SUSPECT HIS "PINE" SCENTED BREATH IS HISTORY.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/22/09 REPORTED THAT THE F-D-A MADE A CONTROVERSIAL DECISION TODAY-- ALLOWING 17-YEAR OLDS TO BUY THE SO-CALLED MORNING AFTER PILL WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION. THIS REVERSES ITS PREVIOUS DECISION THAT THE PILL BE SOLD ONLY TO ADULTS.THE F-D-A DECIDED \*NOT\* TO APPEAL A FEDERAL JUDGE'S ORDER WHICH LIFTED A BUSH ADMINISTRATION RESTRICTION TO LIMIT SALES OF THE DRUG TO WOMEN 18 AND OLDER. THE DRUGMAKER MUST NOW SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION TO THE F-D-A, BEFORE 17-YEAR OLDS CAN BUY THE DRUG OVER-THE-COUNTER.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/24/09 REPORTED THAT THERE ARE NOW EIGHT CONFIRMED CASES OF SWINE FLU, IN THE UNITED STATES. HERE IN CALIFORNIA, GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER IS SENDING MORE C-D-C FLU EXPERTS TO HARD-HIT SAN DIEGO. THIS, AS MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ARE TAKING DRASTIC STEPS TO STEM AN OUTBREAK THAT HAS SICKENED MORE THAN ONE-THOUSAND, AND KILLED DOZENS OF PEOPLE THERE. RESIDENTS OF THE CAPITAL ARE WEARING SURGICAL MASKS. AND AUTHORITIES HAVE ORDERED THE MOST SWEEPING SHUTDOWN OF PUBLIC GATHERING PLACES.. SUCH AS SCHOOLS AND MUSEUMS.. IN A QUARTER CENTURY. FEDERAL HEALTH EXPERTS ARE CONCERNED THE WORRISOME NEW STRAIN.. WHICH COMBINES PIG, BIRD, AND HUMAN VIRUSES.. CAN BE SPREAD, HUMAN TO HUMAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/27/09 REPORTED THAT CALIFORNIA HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST NUMBERS OF SWINE FLU CASES IN THE COUNTRY. TONIGHT, THERE ARE \*ELEVEN\* CONFIRMED CASES OF SWINE FLU INFECTIONS. THEY INCLUDE FIVE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, FIVE IMPERIAL COUNTY, AND AS WE REPORTED EARLIER, ONE IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. THE STATE IS ALSO WAITING FOR LAB RESULTS ON TWO MORE PROBABLE CASES. EARLIER TODAY-- GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER SAID THE STATE WAS DOING EVERYTHING IT COULD TO SLOW SPREAD OF SWINE FLU.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/29/09 REPORTED THAT HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE INCLUDING T-V STARS DANA DELANEY, BOB SAGET AND COMEDIAN DANA CARVEY ARE GATHERING AT THE PALACE HOTEL IN SAN FRANCISCO TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCLERODERMA RESEARCH. NBC BAY AREA'S MEDICAL REPORTER MARIANNE FAVRO SHOWS US THE IMPACT THE DISEASE IS HAVING ON PATIENTS AND HOW THE BAY AREA IS PLAYING A CRITICAL ROLE IN HELPING THEM. SCLERODERMA IS AN AUTO IMMUNE DISEASE AFFECTING AS MANY AS 300-THOUSAND PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES. IT PRIMARILY AFFECTS WOMEN. BUT LUKE ENVIN WAS DIAGNOSED WHEN HE WAS 35. HE SAYS PATIENTS EXPERIENCE MANY AN ENTIRE RANGE OF SYMPTOMS.. INCLUDING HARDENING OF THE SKIN. ONE OF ENVIN'S SYMPTOMS IS A CONDITION THAT CAUSES HIS FINGERS TO TURN WHITE AND STIFF IF HE'S EXPOSED TO COLD TEMPERATURES.. EVEN COLD WATER. IT CAUSES ULCERS ON HIS FINGERTIPS. THERE IS NO CURE FOR SCLERODERMA.. BUT SCIENTISTS AT STANFORD AND U-C SAN FRANCISCO ARE DOING RESEARCH. THEY'VE DISCOVERED THE CAUSE OF THE DISEASE IS LIKELY A BLOOD VESSEL THAT TRIGGERS AN AUTO IMMUNE RESPONSE. SCLERODERMA IS RARE AND DIFFICULT TO DIAGNOSE...WHICH CAN OFTEN DELAY TREATMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/29/09 REPORTED THAT TAMIFLU, THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG THAT APPEARS TO SUPPRESS THE H-1 N-1 VIRUS, IS IN SHORT SUPPLY IN SOME BAY AREA PHARMACIES. THEY'RE SELLING TAMIFLU AT LEITER'S PHARMACY IN SAN JOSE TODAY WHERE CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN ASKING TO BUY THE DRUG AS A PRECAUTION. PHARMACISTS SAY THEY HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY RIGHT NOW .. BUT THEIR SUPPLIER PLANS TO DEDLIVER MORE TAMIFLU TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/29/09 REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO THE SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH DEPARTMENT... THE PATIENT IS A YOUNG CHILD WHO WAS RECENTLY IN MEXICO. SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM SAYS THE CHILD IS RECOVERING AND THAT HE'S NOT IN SCHOOL OR DAYCARE... SO THERE IS NOT AN INCREASED RISK THAT HE EXPOSED MANY OTHER CHILDREN. HOWEVER



IN RESPONSE TO THE CASE... NEWSOM HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY BUT INSISTS IT'S JUST A FORMALITY TO SECURE FEDERAL FUNDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/1/09 REPORTED THAT USERS OF THE POPULAR DIET DRUG 'HYDROXY-CUT' ARE ADVISED TO STOP TAKING IT IMMEDIATELY. THE F-D-A SAYS THE SUPPLEMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE DEATH AND LINKED TO A SERIES OF SERIOUS LIVER INJURIES. SCIENTISTS DON'T KNOW JUST WHY THE WEIGHT-LOSS SUPPLEMENT IS SO DANGEROUS. GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS ARE LOOSER ON DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS THAN ON MEDICINES. MANUFACTURERS DON'T NEED TO PROVE PRODUCTS ARE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE BEFORE THEY SELL THEM TO CONSUMERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/1/09 REPORTED THAT MEXICAN LEADERS SAY THEY ARE WINNING THE BATTLE AGAINST SWINE FLU, AS THEY PREPARE TO REOPEN BUSINESSES AND -- IN A LITTLE MORE TIME -- SCHOOLS. MEXICAN OFFICIALS LOWERED THE ALERT LEVEL FOR THE SWINE FLU OUTBREAK CURRENTLY GRIPPING THE COUNTRY, BUT WARNED PEOPLE THAT THE THREAT POSED BY THE VIRUS IS NOT OVER. OFFICIALS IN MEXICO CITY SAID THEY WOULD ALLOW CAFES, MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES TO REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY. SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL NEXT MONDAY. MEXICO'S HEALTH SECRETARY HAS CONFIRMED 727 CASES INCLUDING 26 DEATHS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/4/09 REPORTED THAT A BRAND NEW CANCER CENTER IS NOW OPEN AT KAISER PERMANENTE IN OAKLAND. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP OF A BIGGER PLAN TO REBUILD THE ENTIRE OAKLAND CAMPUS. IN ADDITION TO THE CANCER CENTER-- THE BUILDING INCLUDES A PEDIATRIC REHAB CLINIC, WHICH WILL TREAT CHILDREN THROUGHOUT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/5/09 REPORTED THAT MEDICAL MARIJUANA CLUB OWNERS ARE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO WHAT THE GOVERNOR SAID. THEY WANT MARIJUANA LEGALIZED TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO STOP RAIDS. THE GOVERNOR MADE THE COMMENT WHEN ASKED IF LEGALIZING AND TAXING MARIJUANA MAY HELP BRIDGE THE BUDGET GAP. THE GOVERNOR SAID ALL MONEY GENERATING IDEAS SHOULD BE STUDIED.. AND THAT INCLUDES LEGALIZING POT. THE GOVERNOR WENT ON TO SAY CALIFORNIA SHOULDN'T APPROVE EVERY IDEA THAT GENERATES DOLLARS. HIS COMMENTS COME ON THE HEELS OF ASSEMBLYMAN TOM AMMIANO'S EFFORT TO PASS LEGISLATION TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA. HE SAYS LEGALIZING POT FOR ADULTS OVER 21 AND TAXING IT 50 DOLLARS AN OUNCE WOULD GENERATE MORE THAN 1 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR THE STATE. AMMIANO WELCOMES THE

GOVERNORS COMMENTS AND THE CALL FOR DEBATE. A RECENT FIELD POLL REVEALS 56 PERCENT OF REGISTERED CALIFORNIA VOTERS SUPPORT THE IDEA. THE FEDERAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY STILL CONDUCTS RAIDS ON CALIFORNIA MEDICAL MARIJUANA CLUBS. WE HAVE CALLS INTO THE DEA FOR IT'S REACTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/14/09 REPORTED THAT IF YOU'RE UNEMPLOYED AND UNINSURED, YOU CAN STILL GET SOME OF YOUR MEDICINES FOR FREE. IF THEY'RE MADE BY PFIZER. STARTING TODAY, THE DRUG COMPANY IS PROVIDING MORE THAN 70-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, FROM LIPITOR TO VIAGRA --AT NO COST -- FOR UP TO A YEAR. TO QUALIFY, PATIENTS MUST HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS AFTER JANUARY FIRST, AND HAVE BEEN TAKING PFIZER DRUGS FOR THREE MONTHS OR MORE. PATIENTS WHO TAKE DRUGS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PROGRAM WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF THROUGH ANOTHER PFIZER PROGRAM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/20/09 REPORTED THAT A MINNESOTA MOM AND HER CANCER STRICKEN SON REFUSING CHEMOTHERAPY, WERE IN CALIFORNIA AS RECENTLY AS YESTERDAY. AND TONIGHT, POLICE BELIEVE THE PAIR MIGHT BE HEADED TO MEXICO, FOR ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT. 13-YEAR-OLD DANIEL HAUSER HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH HODGKINS LYMPHOMA A CANCER THAT'S CONSIDERED HIGHLY CURABLE, WHEN TREATED WITH CHEMO AND RADIATION. BUT THE TEENAGER QUIT CHEMOTHERAPY AFTER JUST ONE TREATMENT. A JUDGE ISSUED A NATIONWIDE ARREST WARRANT, AFTER DANIEL AND HIS MOTHER-COLLEEN FAILED TO SHOW-UP FOR A COURT HEARING TUESDAY, ON THE BOY'S WELFARE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/25/09 REPORTED THAT A DOCTOR IN LOUISIANA DOESN'T NEED ANY INCENTIVES TO TAKE HEALTH CARE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT. HE'S SETTING UP SIMILAR CLINICS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, IN BLACK-OWNED BARBERSHOPS... A TRADITIONAL GATHERING PLACE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN MEN. IN ADDITION TO A HAIRCUT - CLIENTS CAN GET A ROUTINE CHECKUP. SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2007 THE PROGRAM HAS SCREENED SEVEN THOUSAND MEN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/29/09 REPORTED THAT A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT'S ADVANCE TEAM CONTRACTED THE H-1-N-1 VIRUS IN FRANCE. THE 54-YEAR-OLD WOMAN HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED IN THE FRENCH CITY OF CAEN. SHE WAS THERE PREPARING FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA'S VISIT TO NORMANDY NEXT WEEK FOR THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY INVASION. TILL NOW, FRANCE HAS HAD ONLY 20-CASES OF THE VIRUS, BUT SOME WORRY

ABOUT AN OUTBREAK WITH SO MANY ELDERLY VETERANS AND INTERNATIONAL VISITORS CROWDING THE TOWN FOR THE EVENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/1/09 REPORTED THAT MORE PATIENTS MAY BE ABLE TO GET LIFE SAVING TREATMENT FOR STROKE THANKS TO A NEW STUDY BY STANFORD RESEARCHERS. FOR YEARS, IF STROKE PATIENTS ARRIVED AT THE E.R. MORE THAN THREE HOURS AFTER THEIR FIRST SYMPTOMS DOCTORS WOULD NOT TREAT THEM WITH CLOT BUSTING MEDICATION KNOWN AS T-P-A BECAUSE IT WAS CONSIDERED TOO RISKY. IN HIS STUDY, DR. MAARTEN LANSBERG DISCOVERED PATIENTS ACTUALLY HAVE MORE TIME TO RECEIVE THAT LIFE SAVING TREATMENT. BUT DOCTORS STRESS DESPITE THIS NEW FINDING, THE SOONER STROKE PATIENTS CAN GET TREATMENT THE BETTER THEIR CHANCES OF RECOVERING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/2/09 REPORTED THAT THE ALZHEIMERS ACTIVITY CENTER IN SAN JOSE IS ABOUT TO LOSE IN THE STATE BUDGET GAME LAWMAKERS ARE CONSIDERING ELIMINATING 100 PERCENT OF STATE FUNDING FOR ALZHEIMERS PROGRAMS LIKE THIS AND OTHERS. 75 PEOPLE COME HERE TO THE ALZHEIMERS ACTIVITY CENTER A DAY...BUT THE CUTS WOULD FORCE THE CENTER TO TURN AWAY 25 CLIENTS. 65 YEAR OLD MA-KEE-AY HARA HAS BEEN COMING HERE FULL TIME FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS WHILE HER ONLY CAREGIVER HER HUSBAND JIM GOES TO WORK. AND WHILE THIS PROGRAM MAY INITIALLY SURVIVE BY SHRINKING... STATE BUDGET CUTS MAY FORCE SEVERAL OTHER ALZHEIMERS PROGRAMS TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS THE NUMBER OF CALIFORNIANS WITH ALZHEIMERS IS EXPECTED TO DOUBLE. THE QUESTION IS WILL PROGRAMS LIKE THESE BE AVAILABLE FOR THE ESTIMATED ONE POINT ONE MILLION PEOPLE WHO'LL NEED THEM?

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/8/09 REPORTED THAT ONE-THIRD OF THE STUDENT BODY STAYED HOME FROM A CONCORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TODAY IN ALL LIKLIHOOD BECAUSE OF UNEASINESS OVER THE SWINE FLU. IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A WEEK SINCE A FOURTH GRADER AT EL MONTE ELEMENTARY DIED AFTER SUFFERING FROM THE H1-N1 VIRUS. A SECONDARY INFECTION COULD HAVE BEEN A FACTOR. THEN, OVER THE WEEKEND, TWO-MORE EL MONTE STUDENTS REPORTED FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS-- THEY'RE FEELING BETTER. THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT SAYS THE SCHOOL WILL REMAIN OPEN THROUGH WEDNESDAY, WHICH IS THE LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/11/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA WENT ON THE ROAD TO PUSH FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM TODAY, ARGUING HIS CASE IN A TOWN-HALL MEETING IN THE HEARTLAND AND ADDRESSING THE PRINCIPLE CRITICISM OF A

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL PLAN, THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HAS NO INTEREST IN "NATIONALIZING" AMERICAN HEALTH CARE. THE PRESIDENT -- AND HIS MESSAGE IT SEEMED -- GOT A WARM WELCOME FROM A CAMPAIGN STYLE CROWD IN GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN. HIS IDEA IS TO CREATE A "HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE" WHERE PEOPLE CAN CHOOSE FROM DIFFERENT PLANS -- INCLUDING ONE PAID FOR BY THE GOVERNMENT. REPUBLICANS -- AND SOME DEMOCRATS TOO, WONDER WHERE THEY'LL GET THE MONEY -- AN ESTIMATED ONE AND A HALF TRILLION DOLLARS -- TO PAY MEDICAL BILLS FOR PEOPLE. THE PRESIDENT HAD NO ANSWER, BUT HE DID HAVE A WARNING. THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER INSISTS A GOVERNMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN WILL UNDERMINE PRIVATE INSURERS AND DRIVE THEM OUT OF THE MARKET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/16/09 REPORTED THAT V-A OFFICIALS WERE ORDERED TO APPEAR ON CAPITOL HILL TODAY TO EXPLAIN WHY HUNDREDS OF VETERANS WERE LEFT AT RISK OF H-I-V AND HEPATITIS. AN INSPECTION OF FOUR V-A HOSPITALS MONTHS AGO FOUND THAT COLONOSCOPY EQUIPMENT WAS NOT BEING PROPERLY CLEANED BETWEEN USES. NOW, AN INTERNAL REPORT ON RANDOM HOSPITALS AROUND THE COUNTRY SHOWS THAT THE PROBLEM HASN'T BEEN FIXED. -A SECRETARY ERIC SHINSEKI SAID EVERY V-A HOSPITAL WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN VERIFICATION THAT NEW POLICIES ARE BEING FOLLOWED -- AND HE SAID THERE MIGHT BE DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN SOME CASES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/18/09 REPORTED THAT A MAJORITY OF CALIFORNIANS BELIEVE THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO REFORM HEALTH CARE. A NEW FIELD POLL SHOWS, 71 PERCENT SAY THE SYSTEM NEEDS EITHER FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES, OR NEEDS TO BE COMPLETELY REBUILT. MOST OF THOSE POLLED STRESSED URGENCY, SAYING HEALTH CARE REFORM IS MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER. BUT THEY'RE SPLIT ON HOW TO PAY FOR IT. HALF AGREED TO PAY HIGHER TAXES SO EVERY AMERICAN CAN HAVE HEALTH CARE, WHILE THE OTHER HALF DISAGREED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/22/09 REPORTED THAT A NEW SOURCE OF STEM CELLS OFFERS NEW HOPE TONIGHT, TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND ASIAN PATIENTS, SUFFERING FROM LEUKEMIA AND SICKLE CELL ANEMIA. SCIENTISTS AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN OAKLAND ANNOUNCED TODAY, THEY WERE ABLE TO GROW A LARGE NUMBER OF \*BLOOD PRODUCING\* STEM CELLS, FROM THE PLACENTAS OF CONSENTING WOMEN, WHO HAD C-SECTIONS AT BERKELEY'S ALTA BATES MEDICAL CENTER. DOCTORS SAY THESE \*PLACENTA\* STEM CELLS DON'T HAVE TO PERFECTLY MATCH THE BONE MARROW OF PATIENTS SEEKING TRANSPLANTS FOR BLOOD DISEASES. THAT'S OFFERING HOPE TO MULTI-RACIAL PATIENTS, WHO OFTEN CAN'T FIND EXACT DONOR MATCHES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/22/09 REPORTED THAT HEALTH OFFICIALS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY ARE ROLLING UP THEIR SLEEVES, TO DRAW ATTENTION TO H-I-V TESTING. COMMUNITY LEADERS TODAY, VOLUNTEERED TO GET TESTED FOR H-I-V. HEALTH OFFICIALS HOPE THE HIGH PROFILE TESTING WILL ERASE SOME OF THE STIGMA SURROUNDING H-I-V AND AIDS. THEY SAY THE MESSAGE IS TARGETED AT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.. WHERE H-I-V RATES ARE HIGHEST. THIS SATURDAY WILL MARK NATIONAL H-I-V TESTING DAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/30/09 REPORTED THAT STARTING TOMORROW, YOU'LL KNOW EXACTLY HOW MANY CALORIES YOU'RE EATING BECAUSE ITS DAY ONE OF THE NEW CALORIE LAW. ANY RESTAURANT WITH MORE THAN 20-OUTLETS IN CALIFORNIA MUST HAVE THAT INFORMATION ON SITE..... NOT JUST ON THE COMPANY WEBSITE. FOR NOW-- PUTTING THE INFORMATION ON BROCHURES IS ENOUGH BUT BY JANUARY-FIRST 2011, THE CALORIE-COUNTS WILL HAVE TO BE ON THE MENU, OR ON AN INDOOR MENU-BOARD, LIKE THE KIND YOU'S SEE AT MCDONALD'S OR WENDY'S THE GOAL IS TO URGE CONSUMERS TO MAKE MORE WAISTLINE-FRIENDLY CHOICES. THAT HOT DOUBLE-CHEESEBURGER MAY LOOK GOOD, BUT WHEN YOU SEE COLD, HARD NUMBERS INDICATING THE CALORIES..., LAWMAKERS HOPE YOU'LL BE CONVINCED TO GO WITH THE SALAD OR FRUIT-PLATE INSTEAD. EVEN THOUGH THIS NEW LAW IS BASED ON ONE IN NEW YORK CITY, CALIFORNIA IS \*THE FIRST\* TO TAKE THE IDEA STATEWIDE. THE LAW WAS DELIBERATELY WRITTEN TO NOT BURDEN MOM-AND-POP OPERATIONS. IT'S THE BIG RESTAURANT COMPANIES WHICH HAVE TO COMPLY. NOT JUST FAST-FOOD OUTLETS SUCH AS BURGER KING AND TACO BELL, BUT ALSO STARBUCKS, DUNKIN' DONUTS, QUIZNOS, AND SUBWAY. FAMILY RESTAURANTS, INCLUDE APPLEBEE'S, RED ROBIN, AND JOHNNY ROCKETS. THIS NEW LAW IMPACTS MORE THAN 17-THOUSAND RESTAURANTS IN CALIFORNIA AND EVEN IF YOU DO DRIVE THRU YOU'LL STILL BE ABLE TO REQUEST A NUTRITION BROCHURE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/30/09 REPORTED THAT ACETAMINOPHEN IS IN PAINKILLERS LIKE TYLENOL, NYQUIL, THERAFLU AND EVEN POTENT DRUGS LIKE PERCOCET AND VICODIN. NOW THE FDA IS RECOMMENDING BIG CHANGES, BECAUSE LARGE DOSES CAN CAUSE SERIOUS LIVER DAMAGE AND EVEN DEATH. TAKING TOO MUCH OF THESE MEDICINES - OR COMBINING THEM - CAN CAUSE SERIOUS, EVEN FATAL, LIVER DISEASE. EVERY YEAR, 200 AMERICANS DIE AND 56-THOUSAND END UP IN THE HOSPITAL, FROM OVERDOSING - MANY OF THEM, ACCIDENTAL. BUT BECAUSE ACETAMINOPHEN IS A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE DRUG WHEN USED PROPERLY, MANUFACTURERS - AND CONSUMERS WITH CHRONIC PAIN - WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S WIDELY AVAILABLE. IF THE FDA FOLLOW ITS EXPERTS' ADVICE, HIGHER DOSES -

NOW OVER THE COUNTER - WOULD BE AVAILABLE BY PRESCRIPTION ONLY. FDA ADVISORS ARE ALSO CONSIDERING WHETHER TO REQUIRE SMALLER PACKAGES... OR A STRONGER LABEL.

### **NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY**

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/10/09 REPORTED THAT THE THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN, HELD HOSTAGE BY SOMALI PIRATES, TRIED TO SWIM TO FREEDOM LAST NIGHT. BUT HIS CAPTORS FOILED HIS ESCAPE AND RECAPTURED HIM.

NOW WE'VE LEARNED EACH SIDE SEEMS TO BE SENDING IN RE-ENFORCEMENTS AND THE SITUATION IS INTENSIFYING. OUT IN THE INDIAN OCEAN TONIGHT ON A LIFEBOAT LIKE THIS ONE, THE 4 SOMALI PIRATES, ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS, WERE DEMANDING 2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF CAPTAIN RICHARD PHILLIPS. HE DOVE INTO THE WATER OVERNIGHT BUT WAS FIRED ON BY THE PIRATES AND RECAPTURED. ON THE U-S NAVY DESTROYER BAINBRIDGE, NEARBY, SAILORS REPORTEDLY SAW THE ESCAPE ATTEMPT, BUT COULD NOT INTERVENE IN TIME.

NAVY AND FBI NEGOTIATORS ARE DEMANDING PROOF THAT PHILLIPS IS ALIVE AND WELL. BASED ON WHAT HE SAYS HE SAW IN EARLIER HIJACKINGS, A SOMALI CONSULTANT IN LONDON SAYS THE 4 PIRATES ARE NOW MORE AFRAID TO FREE PHILLIPS. BUT REPORTED HEADED TO THE SCENE WERE MORE SOMALI PIRATES ON HIJACKED BOATS CARRYING MORE HOSTAGES INCLUDING RUSSIANS AND GERMANS. WHICH COULD TIP THE BALANCE TO THE HIJACKERS. NOW THE WORLD IS WATCHING THE ORANGE LIFEBOAT CARRYING THE AMERICAN HOSTAGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/10/09 REPORTED THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE MOURNING IN ITALY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE COUNTRY'S WORST EARTHQUAKE IN THREE DECADES. AT LEAST 289 PEOPLE DIED IN MONDAY'S SIX-POINT-THREE MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE THE ACTUAL BURIALS WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL THE EARTH IS MORE STABLE. HOURS AFTER THE FUNERAL, RESCUE CREWS STILL DIGGING FOR SURVIVORS SAY THEIR DOGS INDICATED THERE WAS SOME LIFE IN THE RUBBLE BUT NO ONE HAS BEEN RECOVERED YET.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/13/09 REPORTED THAT CUBAN-AMERICANS WILL BE ABLE TO FREELY VISIT CUBA... THANKS TO AN ORDER TODAY BY PRESIDENT OBAMA. THE DECISION ALLOWS UNLIMITED TRAVEL AND MONEY TRANSFERS BY CUBAN AMERICANS TO THEIR FAMILIES IN CUBA. THE ORDER TURNS BACK RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION. BEFORE TODAY, CUBAN-AMERICANS WERE ONLY ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME ONCE

EVERY THREE YEARS, FOR UP TO TWO WEEKS. GROUPS LIKE SAN FRANCISCO-BASED 'GLOBAL EXCHANGE'.. HOPE THE PRESIDENT'S MOVE IS ONLY A FIRST STEP. THEY WANT THE PRESIDENT TO ALLOW \*UNRESTRICTED\* TRAVEL BETWEEN CUBA AND THE U-S.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/13/09 REPORTED THAT THE U-S IS CONSIDERING NEW MILITARY ACTION AGAINST SOMALI PIRATES, IN THE WAKE OF A HIGH-SEAS STANDOFF, THAT ENDED IN DRAMATIC FASHION. THE PIRATES ARE NOW VOWING REVENGE. AND TODAY, PRESIDENT OBAMA SPOKE FOR THE FIRST TIME ABOUT THE ORDEAL, AND THE MILITARY ACTION, HE AUTHORIZED. WITH THE TENSE STANDOFF NOW OVER, PRESIDENT OBAMA PRAISED THE DARING MILITARY OPERATION TO FREE CAPTAIN RICHARD PHILLIPS. PHILLIPS WIFE APPEARED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY. TOO EMOTIONAL TO SPEAK, A FAMILY FRIEND READ A PREPARED STATEMENT. THE STANDOFF ENDED WHEN THREE NAVY SNIPERS, PERCHED ON A SHIP IN CHOPPY WATERS, SHOT AND KILLED THREE PIRATES HOLDING CAPTAIN PHILLIPS HOSTAGE. ONE PIRATE HAD AN ASSAULT RIFLE TO PHILLIPS BACK. THE SNIPERS HAD ONCE CHANCE TO GET IT RIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/13/09 REPORTED THAT EXPANDED SANCTIONS ARE ON THE WAY FOR NORTH KOREA, AFTER THE U-N SECURITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED THAT NATION'S RECENT ROCKET LAUNCH. NORTH KOREA DEFIANTLY LAUNCHED THE ROCKET A LITTLE OVER A WEEK AGO, AND THEY RELEASED THIS VIDEO OF THE LAUNCH. THE STATEMENT DEMANDS NORTH KOREA NOT CONDUCT FURTHER LAUNCHES. IT ALSO VOWS TO ENFORCE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED SANCTIONS THAT ORDERED A FINANCIAL FREEZE ON THE ASSETS OF COMPANIES THAT SUPPORT NORTH KOREA'S MISSILE PRODUCTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/13/09 REPORTED THAT TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THAILAND TODAY, AS TROOPS CONTINUED TO CLASH WITH PROTESTERS, FOLLOWING DAYS OF VIOLENCE. THOUSANDS OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATORS ARE CALLING FOR THE RESIGNATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER. TODAY, THEY BLOCKED ROADS, THREW STONES, AND SET A HOUSE ON FIRE. PROTESTORS HAVE BEEN CAMPED OUT NEAR THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SINCE LATE MARCH. ARMED THAI TROOPS FIRED WARNING SHOTS AND TEAR GAS, TO DISPERSE THE CROWDS IN DOWNTOWN BANGKOK. MORE THAN 100-PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INJURED IN THE RUNNING STREET BATTLES.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/18/09 REPORTED THAT AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST JAILED IN IRAN HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF SPYING --AND SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON. ROXANA SABERI WAS ARRESTED IN JANUARY AND ACCUSED OF WORKING

WITHOUT PRESS CREDENTIALS. LATER - SHE WAS CHARGED WITH THE FAR MORE SERIOUS CRIME - OF SPYING FOR THE UNITED STATES. THE NORTH DAKOTA NATIVE HAS BEEN LIVING IN IRAN FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS, WORKING AS A FREELANCE REPORTER. THE U.S. CALLS THE CHARGES AGAINST SABERI BASELESS AND HAS DEMANDED HER RELEASE. SABERI'S LAWYER PLANS TO APPEAL. HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS SAY THE CASE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A TREND IN IRAN TO FALSELY ACCUSE JOURNALISTS OF SPYING TO TIGHTEN THE GAG ON FREE EXPRESSION.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/18/09 REPORTED THAT THE ATTEMPTED HIJACKING OF A PLANE IN JAMAICA IS OVER.. BUT IT'S RAISING SECURITY QUESTIONS. A COUNTER-TERRORISM SQUAD STORMED THE CABIN EARLY TODAY AND ARRESTED THE GUNMAN, DESCRIBED AS HAVING "MENTAL CHALLENGES." WHEN HE BOARDED THE PLANE, A FLIGHT ATTENDANT CONVINCED THE HIJACKER TO ACCEPT CASH AND BELONGINGS IN EXCHANGE FOR RELEASING THE PASSENGERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/21/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA PLANS TO INVITE ISRAELI, PALESTINIAN, AND EGYPTIAN LEADERS TO THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE COMING WEEKS, TO ADVANCE THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. AFTER MEETING WITH KING ABDULLAH OF JORDAN TODAY, OBAMA SAID HE REMAINED COMMITTED TO A TWO-STATE SOLUTION. PRESIDENT OBAMA SAID HE EXPECTED ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS TO MAKE GOOD FAITH GESTURES SOON, TO REVIVE THE LANGUISHING PEACE PROCESS. NO DATES WERE SET, FOR THE SEPARATE TALKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 4/23/09 REPORTED THAT CONDOLEEZZA RICE, PRESIDENT BUSH'S SECRETARY OF STATE PERSONALLY APPROVED WATERBOARDING AND OTHER INTERROGATION TACTICS FOR SOME TERROR SUSPECTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/4/09 REPORTED THAT AS THE TALIBAN'S HOLD IN PAKISTAN CONTINUES TO GROW SO DO THE FEARS OVER THE SECURITY OF THAT COUNTRY'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILES. CONCERNS HAVE INCREASED SINCE LAST MONTH AFTER THE TALIBAN APPEARED TO SHOW SIGNS OF CONTROL IN A DISTRICT CLOSE TO WHERE MOST OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE STORED. PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS HE WILL DISCUSS THE CONCERNS WITH PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT WHEN THE TWO MEET AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY. NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/8/09 REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA WILL TRAVEL TO EGYPT NEXT MONTH, TO DELIVER A MUCH-ANTICIPATED SPEECH ON U-S RELATIONS WITH THE MUSLIM WORLD. PRESS SECRETARY ROBERT GIBBS SAYS MISTER OBAMA CHOSE EGYPT, BECAUSE THE COUNTRY IN MANY



WAYS REPRESENTS THE "HEART OF THE ARAB WORLD". THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY ALSO INCLUDE STOPS IN GERMANY AND FRANCE.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/13/09 REPORTED ON DEVELOPING NEWS ABOUT TWO U-S JOURNALISTS DETAINED IN NORTH KOREA... THEY WILL NOW STAND TRIAL NEXT MONTH. THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE NORTH KOREA'S STATE NEWS AGENCY. LAURA LING AND EUNA LEE WORK FOR SAN FRANCISCO-BASED CURRENT TV. PREVIOUSLY THEY HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF ILLEGAL ENTRY, AND HOSTILE ACTS, BUT IT'S NOT CLEAR WHAT CHARGES THEY FACE. THEY HAVE BEEN DETAINED SINCE MARCH 17TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/15/09 REPORTED THAT THE HEAVILY-CRITICIZED MILITARY TRIBUNALS FOR GUANTANAMO BAY DETAINEES, WILL\*RESUME. PRESIDENT OBAMA SUSPENDED THE BUSH-ERA PROSECUTION OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS, WITHIN HOURS OF TAKING OFFICE IN JANUARY. BUT TODAY, OBAMA ANNOUNCED HE IS RESTARTING THE TRIALS, WITH ADDED LEGAL PROTECTIONS SUCH AS BANNING EVIDENCE OBTAINED UNDER "CRUEL DURESS" -- FOR 13 DETAINEES- FIVE OF WHOM ARE CHARGED WITH HELPING PLAN THE SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH ATTACKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/20/09 REPORTED THAT IRAN TODAY SUCCESSFULLY TEST-FIRED ITS LONGEST RANGE MISSILE YET. FOOTAGE OF THE LAUNCH AIRED ON IRANIAN T-V IMMEDIATELY SPARKED CONCERNS ABOUT THE CAPABILITIES OF TEHRAN'S MISSILE PROGRAM. THIS MISSILE HAS A RANGE UP TO 15-HUNDRED MILES -- PUTTING ISRAEL, AMERICAN BASES IN THE MIDEAST, AND PARTS OF EASTERN EUROPE WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE. SECRETARY OF STATE CLINTON WARNED TODAY, A TEHRAN WITH NUCLEAR ARMS CAPABILITY WOULD DESTABILIZE THE ENTIRE AREA. MOST ANALYSTS BELIEVE IRAN DOES NOT YET HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WARHEADS, FOR LONG-RANGE MISSILES.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/26/09 REPORTED THAT SOUTH KOREA'S NEWS AGENCY REPORTED NORTH KOREA TEST-FIRED A THIRD MISSILE TODAY... AND RE-STARTED A NUCLEAR PLANT. DEFIANT MOVES, COMING JUST ONE DAY AFTER CONDUCTING OTHER NUCLEAR TESTS. NORTH KOREA'S TOP LEADERS CELEBRATED THE COUNTRY'S UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST TODAY. U-S INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS ARE STILL INVESTIGATING THE CLAIMS. THE 15 NATION U-N SECURITY COUNCIL IS WORKING ON A RESOLUTION THAT COULD RESULT IN NEW SANCTIONS AGAINST NORTH KOREA. THE U-S IS SENDING SPECIAL SNIFFER PLANES INTO INTERNATIONAL AIR SPACE AROUND NORTH KOREA TO TEST FOR ANY RADIATION THAT MIGHT HAVE ESCAPED FROM YESTERDAY'S UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/27/09 REPORTED THAT RUSSIAN LEADERS ARE CONCERNED THE NORTH KOREA CONFLICT IS ESCALATING AND ARE TAKING PRECAUTIONS IN CASE IT GOES NUCLEAR. THIS COMES JUST AS NORTH KOREA IS THREATENING ACTION AGAINST ANY U-S OR SOUTH KOREAN WARSHIPS IN IT'S WATERS. SOUTH KOREA HAS JUST JOINED A GROUP OF NATIONS TRYING TO STOP SHIPS FROM BRINGING IN MATERIALS USED IN NUCLEAR BOMBS. SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON SAID TODAY THE U-S TAKES ITS COMMITMENT TO DEFEND SOUTH KOREA SERIOUSLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 5/29/09 REPORTED THAT OFFICIALS IN INDIA AND BANGLADESH SAY THE RISK OF DISEASE IS GROWING AS MORE THAN HALF A MILLION LEFT HOMELESS BY A CYCLONE, CROWD INTO GOVERNMENT SHELTERS. THE DEATH TOLL FROM MONDAY'S CYCLONE STANDS AT TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR, IN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN INDIA, AUTHORITIES ARE USING AIRCRAFTS AND BOATS TO DELIVER FOOD, WATER, AND MEDICINE TO PEOPLE WHO CAN'T GET TO THE STATE-RUN SHELTERS. AND IN BANGLADESH, DOCTORS FEAR THE LACK OF CLEAN DRINKING WATER WILL SPUR AN OUTBREAK OF DIARRHEA AND TYPHOID.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/1/09 REPORTED THAT RIGHT NOW SEARCH TEAMS ARE SCOURING THOUSANDS OF MILES OF OPEN OCEAN FOR ANY SIGN OF THE PLANE. AT LEAST TWO AMERICANS WERE ON THE FLIGHT.. IN WHAT COULD BE, THE DEADLIEST COMMERCIAL PLANE CRASH, SINCE 2001. AIR FRANCE FLIGHT 4-47 DEPARTED RIO DE JANEIRO, LAST NIGHT HEADED FOR PARIS. NEARLY FOUR HOURS INTO THE FLIGHT, THE PLANE ENCOUNTERED HEAVY THUNDERSTORMS. MINUTES LATER, THE AIRBUS A 3-30 SENT AN AUTOMATED MESSAGE.. SAYING ITS ELECTRICAL SYSTEM HAD FAILED. IT WAS THE LAST ANYONE HEARD FROM THE PLANE. THERE'S NO RADAR COVERAGE OVER MOST OF THE OCEAN. THAT'S THE MAIN REASON WHY SEARCH CREWS DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START LOOKING.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/1/09 REPORTED THAT RIGHT NORTH KOREA APPEARS TO BE PREPARING TO TEST AN ADVANCED MISSILE CAPABLE OF REACHING THE UNITED STATES. A U-S OFFICIAL CONFIRMED SOUTH KOREAN NEWS REPORTS, THAT SAY SATELLITE IMAGES INDICATE PYONGYANG HAS TRANSPORTED IT'S MOST ADVANCED LONG-RANGE MISSILE TO A LAUNCH SITE, NEAR CHINA. SOUTH KOREA REPORTS THE NORTH COULD BE READY TO FIRE IT, WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/9/09 REPORTED THAT THE FRENCH AIRLINE PILOT'S ASSOCIATION TOLD MEMBERS TODAY, TO STOP FLYING CERTAIN AIR FRANCE JETS, UNTIL THE AIRLINE FIXES FAULTY SPEED MONITORS. AT THE SAME TIME, SEARCHERS CONTINUED TO SCOUR THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, LOOKING FOR MORE BODIES AND WRECKAGE FROM FLIGHT 447. STEPHANIE GOSK REPORTS FROM PARIS, THAT INVESTIGATORS HOPE THE BIGGEST PIECE FOUND SO FAR, WILL HELP NARROW THE HUNT FOR THE PLANE'S BLACK BOXES.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/15/09 REPORTED THAT TODAY'S DEMONSTRATION IS CONSIDERED THE LARGEST ACT OF DEFIANCE BY THE IRANIAN PEOPLE AGAINST THEIR GOVERNMENT IN THIRTY YEARS. THE RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S ELECTION HAVE BEEN DISPUTED... AND TONIGHT THOSE RESULTS ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION. NOT SINCE THE REVOLUTION OF 1979 HAVE THE IRANIAN PEOPLE RALLIED LIKE THIS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF THEM... FILLING THE STREETS OF TEHRAN. THEY GATHERED IN SUPPORT OF REFORM CANDIDATE MIR HOSSAIN MOUSAVI WHO MADE HIS FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE TODAY SINCE THE ELECTION RESULTS WERE ANNOUNCED. HE CALLED THE RESULTS SHOWING PRESIDENT MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD WINNING BY A THIRTY PERCENT MARGIN A FRAUD, AND HE CALLED FOR A NEW ELECTION. IRAN'S SUPREME LEADER HAS CALLED FOR AN INQUIRY INTO CLAIMS THAT THE ELECTION WAS RIGGED. WITHIN HOURS OF THAT ANNOUNCEMENT A SILENT MARCH TURNED VIOLENT WHEN IRANIAN MILITIA FIRED INTO THE CROWD KILLING ONE MAN. SEVERAL OTHER PROTESTERS WERE INJURED. WATCHING ALL OF IT UNFOLD-IRANIAN JOURNALIST Omid Memarian. HE'S NOW WORKING IN SAN FRANCISCO BUT FIVE YEARS AGO.. HE WAS ARRESTED AND JAILED IN IRAN FOR CRITICIZING THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT. THE SITUATION COMPLICATES U-S-IRANIAN RELATIONS. AND LATE TODAY PRESIDENT OBAMA SAID HE WAS TROUBLED BY THE UNREST AND BY THE ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD. MEMARIAN SAYS THE OUTRAGE IS GROWING AND THE UNREST WILL CONTINUE. BEYOND THAT... HE SAYS IRAN'S FUTURE IS UNCLEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/17/09 REPORTED THAT IRAN'S OPPOSITION LEADER IS CALLING FOR MORE PROTESTS AGAINST THE RESULTS OF THE COUNTRY'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. MIR HOSSEIN MOUSAVI'S SUPPORTERS SAY VICTORY WAS STOLEN FROM HIM CALLING THE VOTE COUNT FRAUDULENT. IRAN'S GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO RESTRICT FOREIGN BROADCASTERS WORKING IN TEHRAN. IRAN ACCUSING THE UNITED STATES TODAY -- OF MEDDLING IN THE DEEPENING CRISIS OVER THE DISPUTED ELECTION. IT TOLD THE SWISS AMBASSADOR TO IRAN -- WHO SERVES AS A GO BETWEEN FOR THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN -- THAT AMERICA MUST STOP ITS INTOLERABLE INTERFERENCE. THE WHITE HOUSE IS SHRUGGING OFF THE COMPLAINTS

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/17/09 REPORTED THAT THE FAMILIES OF THE TWO AMERICAN JOURNALISTS JAILED IN NORTH KOREA APPOLOGIZED AGAIN TODAY FOR THE WOMEN'S ACTIONS. LAURA LING AND EUNA LEE WERE SENTENCED THIS MONTH TO 12 YEARS OF HARD LABOR FOR ALLEGEDLY ENTERING THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY. YESTERDAY, FOR THE FIRST TIME, NORTH KOREAN MEDIA RELEASED DETAILS OF THE CHARGES. THEY CLAIM LING AND LEE CROSSED INTO THE COUNTRY TO SHOOT VIDEO FOR A SMEAR CAMPAIGN ON NORTH KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. THEY ALSO SAY THE WOMEN ADMITTED TO THE CHARGES -- AND ACCEPTED THEIR SENTENCES. FAMILY MEMBERS WERE SURPRISED BY THE NEW INFORMATION. THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS COME AMID GROWING TENSIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND NORTH KOREA -- OVER THE ROGUE NATION'S NUCLEAR AND MISSILE PROGRAMS.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/29/09 REPORTED THAT IRAN'S ELECTION OVERSIGHT BODY DECLARED THE CONTENTIOUS PRESIDENTIAL VOTE, \*VALID\*. IRANIAN AUTHORITIES CONFIRMED PRESIDENT MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD'S RE-ELECTION... AFTER RECOUNTING JUST 10-PERCENT OF THE NEARLY 40-MILLION BALLOTS CAST JUNE 12TH. OPPOSITION CANDIDATE MIR HOSSEIN MOUSAVI HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT A PARTIAL RECOUNT... SAYING THE WHOLE ELECTION SHOULD BE ANNULLED. RIOT POLICE PATROLLED THE STREETS OF TEHRAN, TO ENSURE THE SCENE REMAINS CALM. NO CLASHES WERE REPORTED TODAY, BUT OUTRAGE OVER THE ELECTION SPARKED THE MOST WIDESPREAD DEMONSTRATIONS IN IRAN SINCE THE 1979 ISLAMIC REVOLUTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THA BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 6/29/09 REPORTED THAT PEOPLE IN CITIES ACROSS IRAQ, ARE CELEBRATING THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. COMBAT FORCES TONIGHT. AMERICAN TROOPS HANDED OVER SECURITY OF URBAN AREAS TO IRAQI FORCES - A DEFINING STEP TOWARD ENDING THE U.S. COMBAT ROLE IN THE COUNTRY. IRAQ'S PRIME MINISTER DECLARED A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.. AND FIREWORKS NOT BOMBS - COLORED THE SKY OVER BAGHDAD. IRAQ'S LEADERS SAY THEY'RE CONFIDENT IN THE ABILITY OF THEIR SECURITY FORCES, DESPITE A RECENT SPIKE IN VIOLENCE ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

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